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HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION.

The town is the natural unit of New England political institutions. Nowhere else on this planet is the idea of pure democracy, of government of the people, for the people and by the people, so fully realized and attained, hence the study of the origin and formation of those institutions logically begins in the history of the town. Here we can best trace the formative influences of heredity, and of social and physical environment that, in the course of time, have crystallized into character, a character at once so pervasive and communicative that it has leavened the whole mass of alien and composite citizenship and shaped and dominated the destinies of the nation. The gaze of the typical American is steadily forward.

His mood is that of forecast rather than retrospect, and his motto is "Time past is gone for ages beyond recall; the future is not mine and may not be; the living present is the time for me." It is a busy and fast age, and yet our fast express trains sometimes stop "thirty minutes for refreshments." Perhaps from the historic part of Littleton we can gain some lessons that will help us in the tasks of the present,

and enable us to reach our future goal more surely. We propose to write a sketch of the town of Littleton, as complete as the limits of time and space will permit, and as faithful and realistic as our limited opportunities and ability can furnish. We shall not hunt for missing links of microscopic size, nor trace family genealogy through seven generations. The business man and the student of today are busy men, not

the progress of the town. A town is largely the product of its citizens, and in representing the Littleton of today we shall present snap-shot sketches of representative men in all the various walks of life.

EARLY SETTLEMENT.

One of the most essential requisites to the prosperity of early settlers is a clear title and undisturbed possession of their lands. The early pioneers of Littleton did not possess this assurance. The land which formed the present town, like nearly all the northern New Hampshire and Vermont towns, was originally granted by Governor Benning Wentworth, of New Hampshire, under authority of King George III, and subject to very interesting



THE FIRST TOWN BUILDING--From an Old Drawing.

antiquarians, and have not the time to dissect the mass of immaterial facts of early biography and history, but may be interested in the salient and outline features, freshly presented in the columns of their favorite paper. Such an article, while not aspiring to the dignity and completeness of the forthcoming town history of Littleton, may yet contain many representative facts that serve to illustrate the times, and

and important conditions, non-compliance with which resulted, by the terms of the charter, in the forfeiture of the land and reversion to the crown. The history of this great real estate enterprise, which involved momentous political interests and the destiny of states, has never been adequately written. It was the policy of King George and his ministers, in connection with their system of colonial taxation, to adopt a

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general plan of land donation to actual settlers, which would disperse the rather rebellious citizens of the large towns of the older settlements, and at the same time attach them to the throne by ties of gratitude and self interest. Governor Wentworth was the favored agent to conduct that fruitful scheme, and that thrifty patriot, realizing that "charity begins at home" reserved for himself five hundred acres bordering on the Connecticut in each of the river townships, besides certain cash perquisites and ample allowances for his

tains, ponds and rivers, but many of them, in fact, exceeded these limits. The first towns granted in this section were Haverhill, N. H., and Newbury, Vt., in 1761, known as the Lower Cohos, ("Cohos" was the Indian word for crooked, and referred to the course of the river at the Ox Bow Meadows). Chiswick was granted to James Avery, of Connecticut, and his associates, January 31, 1767. The conditions of the original charter are of historic interest. One provision was that as soon as fifty families should be resident and settled

the royal navy be preserved; that a tract of land in the center of the township be reserved and marked out for town lots, each grantee to have one of one acre in size. One ear of corn, and one shilling for each one hundred acres of land were to be paid on the 25th of each December as rent by the grantees, but these, like other terms of the grant, were not lived up to, and the charter of Chiswick was declared forfeited for non-settlement. Benning Wentworth was succeeded as governor by his nephew, John W. Wentworth,



MAIN STREET. LOOKING EAST.

friends. The township of Chiswick, as it was then called, was a sort of "Hobson's choice," a tract of land sandwiched in between earlier and more favored townships above, and below, and containing a large proportion of broken and stony ground covered with a dense growth of pine, it was regarded with disfavor. These townships were six miles square, containing 23,000 acres, with an allowance of 1060 acres free, for highways and lands unimprovable because of rocks, moun-

in town, they should have the privilege of holding two fairs each year, also that "a market may be opened and kept open one or more days in each week, as may be thought most advantageous to the inhabitants." These privileges were incontinently slighted, but others not expressed in the charter were utilized. The charter demanded that each grantee plant and cultivate, within five years, five acres for every fifty contained in his share, on penalty of forfeiture; that all trees fit for masting

who was not reluctant to grant requests for a new charter, more ready, perhaps, because of the liberal fees attached. Col. Moses Little, of Newbury; Gen. Israel Morey, of Orford, and Alexander Phelps purchased of John Avery, the principal grantee under the Chiswick charter, forty-two of the Chiswick claims for a nominal sum. They applied to Col. John Hurd, special friend of the governor, to aid them in procuring a renewal of the Chiswick charter. A new charter was granted, covering

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mainly the old ground and 10,000 acres which had formerly, by mistake, been granted to Lancaster. Col. John Hurd at once received the title to the 10,000 acres as his share of this ground floor speculation. The new town was named Apthorp, for George Apthorp, a London merchant, one of the grantees, and the charter was dated January, 1770. The proprietors of Apthorp, more enterprising than their predecessors, soon prevailed on Nathan Caswell, the first settler, to hazard his fortunes in the Ammonoosuc wilderness. With his

ily floated down the river to the fort at Salmon Hole. Caswell returned a few days later to find the barn burned by Indians. A log hut was built, where they made their home for ten or twelve years. The disturbed conditions during the Revolution hindered the settlement of the town, and as late as 1784 there were but eight families and twelve voters in Apthorp. There is reason to believe that this was one of the sixteen New Hampshire towns that were represented in the legislature of Vermont. The record made by these pioneers in

race, Robert Churlton and James Rankin.

LITTLETON.

In 1783, Trustam Dalton and Nathaniel Tracey acquired the 10,000 acres of Col. Hurd, and petitioned to have this, with 6,000 acres obtained from Moses Little, erected into a new town. In November, 1784, the towns of Littleton and Dilton were created, and each named for its leading proprietor. The town grew sturdily and



MAIN STREET, LOOKING WEST

wife and four children, he left his home at Orford, April 9, 1770, with all of his household goods on the back of one horse. He passed the first night at Bath, where he left the horse, and at dusk on the second day arrived at his destination, a rude barn built by the Chiswick proprietors. That night another son was born to these sturdy pioneers, and he was named Apthorp, as the first-born of the new settlement. But Indian signs were too plenty, and hastily constructing a dug-out the fam-

ily floated down the river to the fort at Salmon Hole. We find the infant settlement, with but three men subject to military duty, sending to the front with them five boys, who served through the weary contest with credit. Space forbids more than a mere reference to these brave pioneers. Prominent among them were Jonathan Hopkinson and his four sons, Capt. Caswell and his sons, and Capt. Pelig Williams. Other prominent pioneers were Thomas Mizer, progenitor of a numerous

steadily. Slowly, and with infinite toil the stalwart pioneers hewed down the giant pines, let in the sunlight on the virgin soil, and wrung from their stumpy and stony fields a scanty subsistence. Of money there was almost none, and no way of obtaining it, for there were no passable roads by which the crude products of the soil could be transported to the southern markets. Of the urgent needs of the case, we may cite the statement of the town agent, Capt. Pelig Williams, in his pe-

tition to the legislature. He says: "Although it is eighteen years since the town began to settle, there is but nine families in it at this time, and there are no mills in said town, nor can we get at any under fifteen miles. The public road that runs through said town is eleven miles in length, and almost impossible to pass in the same, which road your petitioners have to travel to get to mill, to market, to courts, and to almost every kind of business, so that your petitioners have got under such poor and difficult circumstances, that we can neither live in the said town nor move out of the same, except your honors will interpose in our behalf." The town was authorized to tax non-residents for the purpose, and a road was built by a committee, from Dalton down the Ammonoosuc valley to the town line, and another was constructed from near Fabyan's to connect with the first.

Those primeval necessities, a grist mill and saw mill, were first located in 1787-8 by Jonathan Eastman, on Rankin's brook, near the present site of the saw mill and grist mill at Pattenville. They were soon purchased by James Rankin, a thrifty Scotchman, and later successfully operated nearly half a century by his son, Gen. David Rankin. The second saw mill was located at North Littleton, and the third near the present mill of the Littleton Lumber Co. The second grist mill, and the one which has been the main reliance of the town for almost a century, was built by Solomon Mann, in 1799. It has been renovated and repaired until very little is left of the original mill, and is now operated by James Brown.

LATER CONDITIONS.

Having outlined as fully as space would permit the more interesting features of the earliest settlement, we

can only offer a few dull generalities to cover a long period of the later history. After the location of good roads and mills, the nineteenth century ushered in a great influx of population, and a steady expansion of agriculture, trade and manufactures. The manu-



THE LITTLETON CREAMERY.

facture of lumber and the clearing up of farms were the prominent features during the first half of the century. Since that period the lumber business has been continued with much greater profit by reason of railroad facilities, and to this has been added some very important specialized manufactures



NEW TOWN BUILDING.

such as the production of scythes, carriages and sleighs, stereoscopic views, the Saranac gloves, shoes, and the usual local enterprises of a New England village.

The cultivation of the soil has, from the earliest times, been the leading avocation in Littleton. Nature was not especially lavish in her agricultural gifts. While there is a fine belt of Ammonoosuc meadows, the Connecticut affords comparatively little first-rate meadow, and the larger portion of the hill land is rather stony and not very productive. Yet there are many good grass farms in town, and the farmers have always enjoyed a very superior local market at the village for all kinds of farm produce. Successive generations have cleaned the stones from the fields, to admit of the use of machinery. Less help is required than formerly to conduct the farms, and better teams, tools and dwellings, more leisure for books, papers and music, and better social conditions are the order of the day. Under the stimulus of a good local market, dairying under improved conditions is rapidly coming to the front.

RELATIONS WITH VERMONT.

The settlement of neighboring communities on both sides of the Connecticut river was so nearly contemporaneous, their relations so intimate and interdependent, that it seems highly appropriate to bestow a paragraph on this topic. Thetford and Lyme, Fairlee and Orford, Newbury and Haverhill, Littleton, Waterford and Concord have always been connected by the most interesting and important associations of kinship and business relations. The land grants of Gov. Benning Wentworth constituted the legal tenure on which the earlier pioneers of Vermont, (earlier called New Hampshire Grants), relied for the possession of their lands, and in the defense of those titles against the counter claims set up by New York, the Green Mountain Boys contributed the most romantic and heroic page of the Revolutionary era. After

the close of the old French war, the rich agricultural lands among the Green Mountains were rapidly settled by the choicest and most adventurous spirits from the southern communities of New England, and this Norseman spirit of adventure was continually reinforced by the necessity of a constant and vigilant defense of their homes against the adverse claimants from New York, as well as the common foes, the British and Indians. Neighboring towns on both sides of the Connecticut

tunes in this more progressive town. Nearly one half of the active business men of Littleton today are Vermonters or sons of Vermonters, and a large share of the business and professional men of the past seventy-five years came here from the Green Mountain state.

RAILROAD FACILITIES.

The railroad facilities of Littleton are of the best, and the town has long

tion, it went under the control of the B., C. & M. in 1859, and became a part of that road in 1873. The extension of the road from Littleton to Lancaster was completed in 1870, and two years later connected with the Grand Trunk at Groveton. The line called the Mt. Washington Branch was constructed to Fabyan's in 1874, and completed to the base of Mt. Washington in 1876, thus making the connection with the road to the summit in the centennial year, and constituting the only all rail



RESIDENCE OF MR. C. F. EASTMAN.

united in this defense, and also for the support of preaching. Vermonters of the eastern townships largely marketed their surplus products in Portland, passing through Littleton in their "pungs" and bringing back many a load of good Littleton shingles and other wares. The sons of the sturdy Vermont farmers saw here a more active field, in mercantile and professional life, than their fertile farms afforded, and many of them sought their for-

been known as the "Gateway of the White Mountains." Nature marked out the Connecticut and Ammonoosuc valleys as the great arteries of travel and commerce. The Boston, Concord & Montreal railroad was completed to Woodsville in 1853. The charter of the White Mountains railroad was obtained in 1848, to connect with the B., C. & M. at Haverhill and pass via Littleton, Whitefield and Dalton to Lancaster. After several years of litiga-

route to that point from Boston. Sylvester Marsh, then of Littleton, was the master spirit in the construction of the cog road to the summit of Mt. Washington, and the project at first met with ridicule. Construction began in 1868, and was pushed with invincible energy until its completion in 1876. Previous to 1870, all travel to the mountains was by stage from Littleton, but the construction of the roads above referred to, and later the

branch roads to Bethlehem and the Profile House, practically put an end to this lucrative business. Since the control of all these roads has passed into the hands of the Boston & Maine, the excellent summer schedule of trains allows tourists from Littleton to visit any of the prominent resorts and return the same day by a comfortable, all-rail route.

THE MANUFACTURERS.

On the occasion of the celebration in 1884 of the centennial of Littleton Hon. D. C. Remick made the following statement, "Littleton is not, strictly speaking, and never was a manufacturing town; that is to say the business and prosperity of the town does not depend and never did upon the manufacturing interests alone. Because of its situation, it has been a commercial center of importance and has large and valuable agricultural resources. For these reasons it has not been materially affected by depression in any particular branch of industry. Owing to the division of capital and business the town has been much more rapid and continuous than it otherwise would have been, and there has been no long and serious depression in its manufacturing interests such as have affected other communities. If one man failed, there were others arising from its commercial, professional or agricultural classes, ready to step into his shoes, and prosecute the business, or start something else in its place equally beneficial to the community. This ever present demand in our midst has rendered our progress content, and to day we boast of our town and its manufactures as among the soundest, best and most complete in New England; and, what is better,

they are substantially owned and controlled by men born and reared among us, or who have been identified with the history of the town from an early date." This statement is largely true as applied to the manufacturers of Littleton today, although they are relatively larger and fewer than they were thirteen years ago. The tendency here, as well as elsewhere in New England, has been steadily toward concentration and consolidation of capital, introduction of costly labor-saving machinery, and the division of labor; the net result, an increased output and cheapened product. This aggregation of capital and labor has in too many places resulted in an antagonism between the two ele-

ments, just outside the Littleton border, a considerable lumber business is being conducted, for which Littleton largely furnishes the supplies. The same time other industries have come to take their places. The granite works, and the shoe factory at Apthorp are illustrations. All of the glove works in town are now consolidated in the Saranac. An opposite tendency is shown in the carriage business which is now in the hands of three different firms. We may safely make this summary: never before in the history of the town were as many people steadily employed and at wages of equal purchasing value as are to-day.

TRADE.

During fully three quarters of a century, Littleton has been foremost for its hotels and stores. We will not refer at length to the primitive establishments of Larned & Jackson and T. Wheeler at North Littleton. The Old Red Store of Maj. Curtiss was par excellence the home of the store court, and Major Bellows



MAIN STREET, From in Front of the JOURNAL Office.

gives a glowing account of the hilarities of the evening sessions, where the alternative was presented to sing a song, tell a story, treat the crowd on toddy, or drink a pint of salt and water. William Brackett, commencing a year later, in 1805, built the large and then imposing house still standing in the Ammonoosuc valley, a mile and a half below the village, and for nearly forty years conducted a rushing trade in the store opposite. He invested his faith and courage and cash in Littleton's future, and retired a wealthy man. He was also in company with his brother, Maj. Aaron Brackett, in a store at the village. George Little, a broad gauge but eccentric son of the original proprie-

ments and has eventuated in strikes; but so ideal are the conditions in Littleton, so friendly and mutually helpful are the relations existing between employer and employed, that strikes are unknown, and shut downs are only partial and temporary. The millennial has not yet arrived however. Several industries have become obsolete, notably the tannery. Others continue on a healthy though restricted basis, as for example, the sash and blind shop. The manufacture of lumber in town is yearly diminishing on account of the diminished supply of stock. The mills of the Littleton Lumber Co., at South Littleton, will do comparatively little if any business during the ensuing season. At Alder Brook, a station nearest Ap-

tor, Moses Little, was many years a prominent factor in trade and in general business. The Reddington's, George B. and Henry C., who came to Littleton in 1830 and engaged in general trade, were men of notable enterprise and ability, and for nearly forty years were prominent financiers. The Eastmans and Tiltens from Danville, Vt., were among the most pushing and successful men who have figured upon the stage of mercantile life. Later merchants were: Francis Hodgman, John Farr, R. D. Rounsevel, C. W. Brackett, J. W. Balch, William Bailey, H. H. Southworth, Charles Eaton, Nelson C. Farr, Charles Farr, Tilton Bros., Dow Bros., and Bellows & Son. This is only a partial list of former merchants. The pioneer merchants operated at a time when money was very scarce, and were compelled to conduct a large barter trade and give extended credits. At present trade is well organized, and goods well classified, competition active, profits in most lines moderate, but the sales are for spot cash or short credit.

WATER AND LIGHTS.

Littleton was one of the earliest of the smaller New England towns to adopt the electric lights. The water supply of the Apthorp Water Co. was purchased by Coffin & Stanton of New York in 1887. They put in a pump, and instituted an electric light plant with a dynamo of 750 light capacity of the incandescent system. They are now incorporated as the Littleton Water and Electric Light Co. In 1896 important improvements were made introducing a new dynamo, electric lights and water supply, with a capacity of 1200 lights. The Bristol Recording volt meter is used, and most of the patrons use the meter system paying for what they actually use, at a very moderate rate. All of the stores and public buildings and many of the residences use the electric lights. A very ingenious water gauge shows the depth of water in the reservoir. Col. B. H. Corning is the superintendent of the company and Mr. Hunkins is treasurer and Corning's insurance office is

the headquarters. The water supply is taken from pure mountain springs brought into a reservoir about the town.

A SUMMER RESORT.

Thousands of tourists visit Littleton every year, attracted by its superior advantages as a sanitarium and its convenience as a rendezvous while enjoying the unparalleled attractions of the White Mountains. They find here all the advantages of rural life, and are at the same time in touch with the great world by train, telegraph and telephone. The burning of the Oak Hill House in 1894 was a great misfortune, but Thayer's Hotel, the Maples, the Mountain Home and the Chiswick Inn remain, and the new hotel of I. C. Richardson will afford ample accommodations for tourists and the traveling public. The view from some of the higher points near the village can hardly be surpassed.

MARSHALL SANDERS POST.

Marshall Sanders Post, No. 48, G. A. R., was organized October 25, 1879, with the following officers: Major E. W. Farr, commander; W. R. Whiting, Q. M.; George W. Hall, S. V.; B. F. Wells, J. V. The organization has steadily increased in members and interest, although many comrades have been mustered by the "grim destroyer." There are now 93 members in good standing. In the G. A. R. hall is a fine memorial record, presented with an appropriate address by Hon. Harry Bingham. The present officers are: H. E. Carrier, Commander; B. F. Wells, S. V.; John Miller, J. V.; H. B. Burnham, Q. M.; Solon Simonds, O. D.; A. C. Gaskell, Adjt.; W. W. Lovejoy, Chap.

WHITE MOUNTAIN GRANGE.

White Mountain Grange was organized February 19, 1875, with 40 charter members, with C. W. Bedell lecturer and Abijah Allen as the first master. He filled that position eight years. The grange made a steady progressive growth. It had its periods of weak-

ness but maintained its organization. It contains at present about 150 members. Mrs. J. W. Farr, master; Mrs. C. R. Allen, lecturer; Mrs. George Bartlett, secretary. This year the new departure was made of electing a full board of lady officers. Since 1877 the meetings were held in Grange Hall but are now held in Old Fellows Hall. The Grange has proved itself a potent social and educational factor in the community.

THE BAR OF LITTLETON.

The limits of time and space forbid anything more than a cursory reference to the former lawyers of Littleton. The first practicing lawyer was Joseph Emerson Dow, a son of Hon. Moses Dow of Haverhill. He located at North Littleton in 1807. Elisha Hurds, Hon. Henry A. Bellows, Edmund Carleton, Hon. Calvin Ainsworth, Hon. William Burns, William J. Bellows, Hon. Charles W. Rand, John Farr, Hon. Edward D. Rand were more or less prominent members of the legal profession before and during the war. The Littleton Bar during the last quarter of a century has ranked among the ablest in the state. Harry and George A. Bingham, many years in company, the Farris, John and Major Evarts W., John S., and W. H. Mitchell, D. C. and J. W. Remick, Hon. A. S. Batchelor, and Hon. Edgar F. Aldrich, have been the principal legal lights during this period. All of the present active members of the bar are represented by sketches.

CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY.

The Littleton Co-operative Creamery, a cut of which is presented on a preceding page, is one of the most valuable institutions of the town, and has a future of still wider usefulness. In 1887, Dow & Dalton built the creamery building, which was exempted ten years from town taxation, and began work. The creamery company was organized in December, 1889, with Mr. Dow as treasurer and general manager, who conducted it for three years. These were the transition years of the

movement, during which public sentiment was ripening in favor of a co-operative creamery, which was organized in 1892, with Charles W. Bedell, president; M. C. Dodge, vice-president; and Daniel S. Johnson, treasurer. In October, 1895, a branch skimming station was erected at Dalton, which has largely increased the output of the creamery. The creamery has about 75 patrons, and during the best of the season produces about 8,000 pounds of butter a month. It is supplied with a modern equipment, and cost, including the separator station, about \$7,000. The present butter-maker, Mr. O. M. Moseley, is an expert with seven years' experience, which is turned to good account. The reputation of the Littleton Creamery butter is well established. It took first premium on prints at the New Hampshire State Grange Fair, and the second premium on tubs, and has taken other premiums. The butter made by Mr. Moseley for the Lyman Creamery took a second prize at the Chicago Exposition in 1893. The Littleton Creamery has come to lift the burden from the shoulders of the housewife, and it has come to stay. Mr. C. W. Bedell, president of the co-operative creamery, is a leading and public-spirited citizen and farmer, who for thirty years has resided in the north part of the town. Mr. H. H. Southworth, the treasurer, is a retired merchant, long and favorably known to the business public. The creamery is now conducted on the most scientific principles, and only needs a more extended patronage to cheapen the cost of production and increase the sales, as it is unable to supply its orders.

WILSON & TUTTLE.

It is well known that Littleton is a notable emporium in the clothing trade. The large amount of business that the four great houses enjoy can be accounted for by two reasons: first, the large number of young men who are regularly employed here at fair wages; second, the very extensive and judiciously selected stocks, and the close prices at which they are offered, attract an extensive trade from the surrounding

towns. Wilson & Tuttle is the junior firm, but although eleventh-hour men, they are getting full wages just the same. Anything can here be had that is usually found in a first-class clothing store, but the special features in which they excel are men's underwear and pants. These prime necessities are offered at prices that command customers. Mr. Wilson is a veteran clothing dealer of Concord, N. H., with



branch houses elsewhere, and is able to secure the best prices from jobbers and manufacturers. Mr. Tuttle is a young man, with an old head on his shoulders, a sharp eye for selecting goods, and a breath for talking about them that exceeds the continuance of the trade winds. Seriously, he is a very judicious and reliable salesman, and stands by his sales every time, a fact duly appreciated by the public. He is ably assisted by Eddie Asselin, formerly of St. Johnsbury. Wilson & Tuttle conduct a strictly one-price store.

S. OSCAR PARKER.

The subject of this sketch is a versatile character and has enjoyed a remarkable varied business experience. He was born and bred a tanner, a business that has engrossed at some time the attention of his father, Silas Parker, of his grandfather and each of his seven brothers. Mr. Parker has since been a merchant, a glove maker, a traveling salesman and a real estate agent and is now conducting the laundry business. As a young man he began his mercantile experience with

Parker & Young at Lyman and later had charge of stores at Sugar Hill and Lancaster. He came to Lisbon in 1872 and engaged with his brother, Ira, as a glove maker and later became a partner. In the winter of 1890 he travelled extensively in the South and West as a salesman of Saranac gloves. In December, 1893, he founded an agency for the sale and exchange of real estate, which he has widely advertised and has proved an important public convenience and which he still conducts with considerable success. In 1894 he purchased an interest in the Littleton Steam Laundry and later the whole business. With his usual enterprise he has put in six new machines of the latest pattern, which enable him to finish his work with neatness and despatch. His patronage extends for a hundred miles up and down this valley and has increased one-third during the past year. The laundry employs 12 hands in the summer and seven in the winter. Mr. Parker has evolved another fruitful idea, the White Mountain Bureau of Employment which successfully fills a "long felt want." The Bureau is widely advertised and procures congenial and remunerative employment for parties who can furnish reliable testimonials. Mr. Parker married in 1860, Emily R., sister of H. H. Porter of this town. They have three sons, Harry C., George P. and Carl L., all of whom are residents of the town, and are assisting their father in his varied and extensive business.

EUREKA HOSE CO. NO. 1.

A thoroughly well equipped institution is the Eureka Hose Co., at once a social and a business organization. During the past eighteen years, Littleton has enjoyed the benefit of an efficient fire department, at present consisting of 24 experienced firemen, with E. C. Young, chief; and H. D. Wilkins and A. E. Strain, assistants. The hose cart, hook and ladder wagon, and equipments are stored in the basement of the town building, and just beyond is a cosy and neatly furnished firemen's club and reading room. Here the

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boys while away many a social evening hour, with chat, games and reading, for there is a small but well selected library, and eight standard magazines. They hold a regular monthly meeting from November to May, and a fortnightly meeting from May to November. They receive at present a liberal compensation, twelve dollars each per year, one dollar per hour for the first hour spent at a fire, and 50 cents per hour each additional hour they work, and 50

village, and Apthorp, and with a pressure of from 100 to 120 lbs. per inch. Twelve fire alarm boxes are suitably located and connected with the Methodist bell, in the east, and the Congregational bell in the west part of the village. The Eureka's are not spring chickens, but regular fighting cocks with their spurs on when the alarm sounds. They have always been equal to every emergency, and fully confident of their ability to knock out a first-

nious and original turn, he became a carpenter and builder, erecting several houses. He took up the trade of printing while on the farm, at first with a small hand press, and as a recreation. But the typical Yankee, (of which Mr. Wallace is a good specimen) is able to turn his hand to almost anything. In 1883 we find our amateur printer running a job office and editing a newspaper, the Woodsville Enterprise. Mr. Wallace resided in Woods-



cents when called on false alarm. By an annual fireman's ball, and other social entertainments, they have put away a little sum in their treasury. They have good rubber suits and helmets. They have a Bangor extension ladder, 50 feet in length, 2500 feet of hose, and a chemical outfit. They have three hose carriages, a supply wagon and an abundant supply of ladders. The water supply is carried to 63 hydrants located in all parts of the

class blaze, at short metre, which is justified by their record in the past.

ELI B. WALLACE.

Mr. Wallace, though comparatively a young man, is one of the senior merchants in continuous business in Littleton. He was born some 41 years ago upon the farm of his father, Luther Wallace of Bethlehem, and farming occupied his principal attention in early life. Being of a somewhat inge-

ville a year, then came to Littleton and started his job printing office here, but continued to conduct the Enterprise some year and a half longer, when he sold it to Mr. F. W. Bittinger. Since 1885 Mr. Wallace has occupied his present convenient and handsome rooms in Tilton block. He carries the best assortment of stationery and blank-books in town, and a full line of magazines, also some specialties in fancy and Christmas goods. Mr. Wallace

has three printing presses, and with his dozen or more years of experience is an artist, and secures a liberal patronage, in fact all he is able to do himself. He married Miss Myra M. Burt of Bethlehem, who is a cheerful helpmeet in the store and home. Their pleasant home is located next the National Bank on Main street.

CONGREGATIONALISM.

The first statement in the records regarding religious matters, indicates that in 1790, six years after the incorporation at Littleton, Rev. A. Kinson ministered to the people six months. A decade later, March 18, 1800, it was "voted to choose a committee to direct the selectmen in fixing a center place in town, to hold meetings, and hold meetings for preaching. Voted Capt. Williams, Capt. Haskins, Andrew Rankin, and Mr. Robins be the committee aforesaid." In 1802 the town voted \$100 for preaching.

house. The site for the building, about two acres of land, was donated by Col. Moses Little, and the building was located near the center of the town, about two miles from the present village. The meeting house was not fully completed until 1815, it being practically a union church. The nucleus of the present handsome Congregational church was erected in 1834, at an expense of \$2000, and a vestry was built underneath it in 1853. In 1874 both the interior and exterior of the church were remodelled, and assumed its present appearance. In 1883 the present spacious chapel was erected, and the handsome parsonage, on High street, was built in 1888, at a cost of about \$6000. The church was organized in 1803, and the original membership was slowly increased until it numbered 35 in 1830. The entire resident and non-resident membership is now about 240.

REV. JOHN HENRY HOFFMAN

was born in 1847 and reared on a hill farm in Lyndon, where he remained until he was 21. He then developed a good physique, and the aptitudes for mental and social enjoyment. During an attendance of two terms at Newbury Seminary he experienced religion. He then spent nine years at New Hampton Institute, Bates College, and Andover and Bangor Theological Seminaries. He is a minister of long pastorates, was for seven years at Henniker, five years at Shelburn Falls, and five at Peterborough. An experience of a year in Nebraska attached him more thoroughly to New England. Mr. Hoffman has been president of several local unions, of both the Evangelical Alliance, and the Christian Endeavor bodies. As a preacher he gives free expressions to very positive opinions. He has filled the pastorate at Littleton since 1894, and since that time has added sixty members to the church, and a debt of \$2500 has been liquidated. He has accomplished considerable literary work as editor of the Inkhorn, a religious periodical devoted to religious interests. Mr. Hoffman has filled the

chair of elocution at several institutions of learning, and is well known on the lecture platform. He married in 1876, Miss Elena L. Gordon, of New



Hampton. Their children are Cathelena V. and John William Hoffman.

METHODISM.

Prior to 1843 there was no stated Methodist preaching in town, although Littleton, as a part of the great Landaff circuit, was occasionally visited by itinerants. Services were held part of the time by Elder Burkley and other local preachers. As early as 1822 69 members were reported. Rev. J. P. Williams, a presiding elder residing at North Littleton, preached in school houses, and formed a class, so that in 1844 Littleton and Whitefield together reported 140 members. Littleton was united either with Whitefield or Bethlehem until 1850, when it became a full charge. The church was built soon after, and dedicated by Rev. J. E. King. A chapel was built in 1876 by Rev. G. W. Ruland, pastor. The church was remodelled in the winter of 1881 at a cost of \$4000, and again in 1888. The parsonage was built in 1887. The church has every accessory for successful work. The flourishing Ladies' Aid society has expended about \$400 on the parsonage since 1891. There is an active Epworth League and a Sabbath school with an average attendance of 115 and a church mem-



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In 1802 or 1803 Rev. John Lord, a graduate of Dartmouth, preached here for a time. In 1811 the town voted \$200 toward the erection of a meeting

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bership of nearly 200. A debt of about \$5000 was lifted during Mr. Howard's second year.

REV. C. M. HOWARD.

The position of Rev. Charles M. Howard as a useful minister of the gospel, is the logical outcome of his heredity and environment. He was born in Union, Ct., in 1860, son of Rev. Mellen Howard, now of East Haverhill. C. M. Howard graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in the class of '83, and for three years attended the Boston University Theological School. The same year he joined the New Hampshire Conference, he found in Miss Mabel Bickford of Dover a suitable helpmate, and made his first settlement at Raymond, N. H., where he remained four years. After preaching for one year at Hampton, N. H., he settled for three years at Woodsville. Since 1894 he has ministered very acceptably in Littleton and has added 41 full members and six probationers to the church. The latch-string of the parsonage is always out, and callers receive a kindly welcome. The fireside of Rev. and Mrs. Howard is cheered by the presence of two sons.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The first regular services of this church were held by Rev. J. B. Goodrich, then stationed at Lancaster, June 6, 1875, at the Town hall. The following July Bishop Niles laid the corner stone of the church edifice, and the church was consecrated November 19, with about thirty members. In January, 1877, Rev. A. R. Graves was ap-

pointed as resident pastor and remained more than three years, and during this period the rectory was bought. He was succeeded by Revs. H. M. Andrews, J. S. Kent, H. H. Haynes, Isaac Peck, and L. R. Waterman.

The present incumbent came in

has organized a vested choir of 34 members, the largest and the only one of mixed voices in the diocese. The church is in a prosperous condition.

REV. EDGAR FOSTER DAVIS

is a scion of good old Revolutionary stock. His great-great grandfather, Col. Benjamin Foster, originally of Greenland, N. H., was the first to capture a British vessel, the brig *Margaretta*, sent to Machias after supplies by Gen. Gage.

Mr. Davis was born at East Machias, Me., in 1851. He fitted for college at Washington Academy, and graduated from Bowdoin College in the class of '71. For four or five years Mr. Davis was engaged in teaching, as principal of the High schools at Thomaston, Me., and at Middletown, Ct., and as professor of classics at De Garmo Institute, Rhinebeck, N. Y. In 1879 he graduated from Yale Theological Seminary. After filling pastorates in Maine, New Brunswick, at Hamilton, Mass., and Wolfboro, N. H., he was called to the chair English of the State College of Pennsylvania, and filled this position for four years. In March, 1894, he took charge of the Episcopal mission at Littleton, and in August, 1895, he organized the mission in Whitefield. In

March, 1894, in the capacity of lay reader, and was ordained to the priesthood about one year later. Mr. Davis, with his various attainments and wide experience unites personal qualities which inspire confidence. He has a Sunday school of more than 50 members and

1895 he was ordained to the priesthood at Littleton. Under his able care the number of communicants has doubled. In 1874, Mr. Davis married Elmira Scott, daughter of Hon. S. H. Talbot, of East Machias, Me. Two daughters are the issue of this union, Grace Ham-



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mond, and Clara Louise, both recent graduates of the Littleton High school. Mr. Davis made the tour of Europe in 1881, his parishioners at St. Stephen, N. B., defraying his expenses. He has



furnished many meritorious contributions to current literature in prose and poetry. He was chosen as poet at the Andros celebration, at Ipswich, Mass., July 4, 1885, and two of his shorter pieces were read at the G. A. R. reunion in Boston several years ago.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Rose of Lima parish was organized January 5, 1882, Rev. J. H. Noiseux being the first pastor. Previous to its organization it had been a mission of the parish of Lebanon, N. H., with L. M. Laplante, pastor. Littleton was attended at various times as follows: Previous to 1853 by Rev. Hector Drollet, of Montpelier, Vt., and Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan, of Burlington, Vt., and visited about once a year for about five or six years. In 1853, Rev. John Brady, then residing in Claremont, N. H., was the first regular missionary in the Connecticut Valley, visiting Littleton five or six times a year. In 1856 these missions were divided and Rev. J. H. Noiseux visited here monthly for 16 years and twice a month for four more years. In 1876 missions were

again divided and Rev. F. H. Trudel, of Lebanon, was charged with the Grafton County missions. He visited here for a year and built the church. The church was dedicated by Rt. Rev. J. A. Healey, Bishop of Portland, August 30, 1880. Fr. Brann, of New York city, preached the dedicating sermon. In August, 1881, Rev. L. M. Laplante was appointed to Lebanon with charge of Littleton until January 4, 1882, when Rev. J. H. Noiseux took charge of Littleton and remained in charge until 1886, when he was succeeded by Rev. Dennis Hurley, who remained until 1893. During his pastorate he bought the land and house next to the church, also a tract of land for a burying ground. Fr. Hurley was removed to Penacook, N. H., in November, 1893, and was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. C. J. Paradis.



REV. C. J. PARADIS

was born in the city of Quebec, Canada, and went to Manchester with his family in 1866. In 1873 he entered the Seminary of Quebec for his classical course, then the Grand Seminary, and after four years of theology he was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Lachereau in May, 1885. After his ordination he was appointed as assistant to Rev. A. Chevalier, at Manchester. After 16 months service he was appointed pastor at Lebanon, N. H.,

where he remained for seven years. While in Lebanon he had charge of all the missions from Hanover to Franklin. He built a church in Hanover, one in Canaan, bought a tract of land from the town of Lebanon for burying purposes, and repaired the church and houses. In November, 1893, he was called to Littleton to take charge of the parish of St. Rose of Lima. Since his appointment in Littleton he built one church at the Waumbek, which is a beautiful building and nearly paid for. He put new pews in the church of Littleton, bought many things that were needed, and paid off the debt of the church property. During his pastorate, the membership has increased so that the church is hardly large enough to accommodate the worshippers.

THE BAPTISTS.

In the earlier years of the century, the Baptists in town usually attended the Baptist church at Waterford. In 1840 a small Baptist church was built at what was called the Seythe Factory Village. The first pastor was Rev. Nicholas Bray and the second and last was Rev. William Lovejoy. There were 20 members, with Anson Alexander, deacon, and Barnet H. Smith, clerk. The church was disorganized by removals and other losses. After services were discontinued the few



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members connected themselves with the Bethlehem church until 1869, when the present church was built, and since that time the Baptist interests of the

two towns have consolidated here. At the time of the reorganization the membership was 27, which has since more than doubled. Rev. Elisha Guilford was the first settled pastor, and remained four years. The pastorate of the Rev. J. B. Merrill during the past six years has been a period of revived interest and active work, and the parish is now united and free from debt, and owns a good church and parsonage. A biographical sketch of Mr. Merrill appears on another page.

THE UNITARIANS.

While the old Union church was used by the several denominations alternately, according to compact, the Unitarian preachers frequently occupied the pulpit, and added zest to the controversial character of the discourse of the period. At a later period, owing to deaths and removals, the Unitarian sentiment was less pronounced. An organization was effected June 14, 1873, as the Liberal Christian Society of Littleton, and a board of trustees was elected, Rev. J. P. Kinson (Universalist) and other clergymen officiating from time to time. Rev. J. B. Morrison, pastor at Lancaster, began preaching in what was then called Union Hall in 1881, and continued in charge of the movement seven years. The present Unitarian society was organized September 13, 1884, by twelve persons, at the home of J. S. Frye. Porter B. Watson was elected clerk, and at a subsequent meeting, Gen. George T. Craft, J. S. Frye, and Rev. J. B. Morrison, were elected a building committee, and erected the present and modern handsome Unitarian church. In April 1893, Rev. Samuel B. Craft, of Boston, presented the church with a fine pipe organ. The first settled pastor, Rev. L. D. Cochrane, was ordained August 18, 1889, and remained four years. He was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Mitchell for one year, and Rev. L. Fletcher Snapp, who remained

two years. Rev. W. C. Litchfield came as a supply in November, 1896. The society is out of debt, a prosperous Sunday school has been organized, also a Young People's Religious Union, and a renewed interest is manifested.

REV. W. C. LITCHFIELD

was born in South Scituate, Plymouth, Mass. His boyhood was strongly impressed by the historic associations of the "stern and rock bound coast." His maternal ancestry was of Revolutionary stock, and his grand-father was a soldier in the war of 1812. He attended the Hanover Academy, and prepared to enter the Meadville Theologi-

cative in the general assembly. In May 1879 he was ordained at Hobart, Ind. He was engaged in mission work and was pastor four years at Berlin, and six years at Gardner, Mass. Mr. Litchfield was called to the Littleton charge a year ago, and has won the esteem and respect of his parishioners and of the community.

REV. FREDK. GEORGE CHUTTER

is well known to the people of Littleton and vicinity, as he was three years pastor of the Congregational church. After the close of this pastorate he made the tour of Europe, visiting Greece, Asia Minor, the Holy Land, and Egypt. Returning to England, he took a post graduate course at Oxford and Edinburgh Universities. He was called to the pastorate of a church at Lowell, Mass., after his return from Europe, but ill health, caused by too close study, compelled him to resign his charge, and seek a change of employment. He returned to Littleton in 1893, bought Dow Brothers' stock, and a year later the White Store. Under his management it is a scene of bustling commercial activity, employing several clerks. The store is an exposition of dry goods, ladies' furnishings, and fancy goods. Ladies' garments and fur goods are a specialty. Elegant imported rugs are given to customers on the coupon system. Mr. Chutter strives to make "the nimble penny worth more than the dull shilling."

Rev. F. G. Chutter was born in the south of England and came to Boston in 1872, where he was engaged in mercantile life. He began to preach the gospel at nineteen, and prepared himself more fully for the sacred calling by a collegiate course at Colby University, Waterville, Me., which was followed by a course at Andover Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1887. During all of these student years he continued to preach regularly, a strain of effort that somewhat undermined his naturally robust



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cal school, when the advent of the civil war in 1861 opened another path of duty. He first enlisted in the 18th Massachusetts but was not accepted, and then enlisted in the first Massachusetts heavy artillery, and served until the discharge of the regiment at the close of the war. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1878-9 he read theology under the direction of Prof. F. H. Hedge of the Harvard Divinity school. During his course of studies he served his town as selectman and in 1878-9 was its representa-

constitution. Thus Mr. Chutter has come to be known in the dual capacity of merchant and preacher. He has lectured quite extensively, and is preparing a literary work on the ethics of art architecture, that may some day find its way to the press. He is a versatile and engaging personality, and a power in any field of effort, and with returning health may again engage in ministerial work. He married Caroline, daughter of Hon. Eben Cutler, of Boston, and their fireside is brightened by the presence of two lovely children.

HENRY L. TILTON.

In H. L. Tilton, we recognize one of the most dominant and pervasive personalities that have figured in the business life of Littleton during the past quarter of a century. A mere enumeration of the enterprises he has projected and of the firms and corporations in which he has been an important factor, would transcend the usual limits of a newspaper sketch.

Henry L., son of Joseph and Sally B. Tilton was born in the grand old town of Danville, Vt., May 3, 1828. His boyhood was spent upon the fine paternal farm at North Danville. At the age of fifteen, he moved with his father's family to Danville Green, where, at the age of 19, he completed his education at Phillips Academy. The following spring, 1848, he entered as clerk in the store of Eastman, Tilton & Co. With the well saved earnings of three years of faithful service, he started in December, 1850, for the Golden Gates in company with five of his young fellow townsmen. He first sold water in the streets of San Francisco for a "bit a bucket," was then a salesman of hardware at \$200 a month, and soon became an importer of

goods from New York and Boston, under the firm of Tilton & Cady. Returning to Littleton in May 1854, after an absence of three and a half years, he soon became a member of the firm of C. and F. J. Eastman & Co., and retired from the firm in 1859 after five years of active and successful trade. We can here only refer to some of the more important of the many financial, industrial, and mercantile institutions

as H. L. Tilton & Co., and including W. J. Bellows and C. W. Brackett, at one time owned about 23,000 acres of valuable timber land. In 1870 he completed Tilton Block on Main street, where he was engaged in the banking business, which a year later was converted into the National Bank, of which Mr. Tilton has since been a director, and vice-president ten years. He was also a large owner and treasurer of the

Union Hall. At the same time he served the public as treasurer of the Union School District and as a director and treasurer of the Littleton Fair Ground Co. In 1872, in company with W. H. Stevens, he purchased the Gile property of 125 acres in Littleton village, laid out streets and promoted village improvement and extension. In 1881 he was the projector and builder of that handsome brick structure, Tilton's Opera Block. The winter of 1885-6 was spent by Mr. Tilton in company with Ira Parker on a tour of inspection in the North West, where at Spokane Falls he made large investments. Here this man of boundless energy and optimistic views became a leading factor in developing that growing city, being extensively and for a time very successfully engaged in banking and real estate operations, interests which were largely depreciated by the financial revulsion of '93-96. The interests of H.

L. Tilton and family are now

steadily appreciating with improving times. While not an active politician, Mr. Tilton was a delegate to the National Republican convention of 1880, was an elector on the Garfield ticket, and in 1884 was one of Littleton's representatives in the legislature. He is an out spoken temperance man, and of kindly social impulses. He married Caroline A., daughter of William



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with which Mr. Tilton was potentially identified in his later career. He was connected with Leavitt & Brackett in the building of the mills and the handling of extensive lumber interests in Carroll, with Brackett & Tilton, dealers in flour and with J. R. Kilburn & Son., in real estate, and was a factor of the building operations of the expanding village. The firm known later

Brackett in 1855, and their only surviving child is George H. Tilton. Mr. Tilton possesses to a rare degree that combination of practical foresight, sagacity and energy which have enabled him to take the initiative in great business enterprises.

GEO. H. TILTON.

Mr. George H. Tilton was born in Littleton in 1860, and educated in the High school. At the age of 17 he went into his father's office and has since been closely identified with this extensive business as book-keeper and general manager. He was treasurer of the Union Hall Co., and of the Opera Block Co. He is a member of the board of education, and treasurer of Littleton Musical Association, also a trustee of the public library, and sec-



retary of the board. He is a member and treasurer of the Episcopal church. He is one of the charter members of the Cohashauke Club. He married Cora H., daughter of J. S. Frye and the future junior partner is George H. Tilton, Jr.

BENJAMIN WEST KILBURN.

The subject of this sketch is in every sense a representative man of Littleton. He is a native of the town, and has here built up an enterprise which contributes to its aesthetic culture and its material prosperity. He has always

been a staunch friend of moral reform and public improvement. He was



born in Littleton in 1827 and in early life was a founder and machinist in company with his father, Josiah Kilburn. In 1853 he was united with Caroline F. Burnham, and of this union there is one daughter, Mrs. D. C. Remick. About 1855 Mr. Kilburn began to devote considerable time to the camera, and soon after formed a partnership with his brother, Edward, in the manufacture of stereoscopic views, which continued a score of years. His field of effort for many years was the making of negatives representing the scenic wonders of the White Mountains, and he is an artist of a high order. He has travelled extensively on the continent, and his collection of nearly 100,000 views represents scenes in every quarter of the globe. His great stereoscopic works, 36 by 120 feet, four stories, is a bee hive of industry and employs about 60 hands in the busy season. This great enterprise is the largest of its kind in the world, and has many imitations but no equals. Mr. Kilburn is a man of quiet domestic tastes, but broad gauge in his affinities and of resolute energy. When the nation's Capitol was in peril in 1861, Benjamin Kilburn, with his trusty rifle, at his own expense, volunteered for its de-

fense, and later was a faithful soldier of the Union. Mr. Kilburn is one of the town's representatives to the General Court.

HON. HENRY F. GREEN.

The career of Henry F. Green is like an open book, and has been read and approved by the people of this town and county. He was born in Lyndon, Vt., in 1844. Orphaned by his father's death he early learned the power to pay his cheerful self reliant way." His earlier educational advantages were very limited, but by diligence and economy he obtained a term or two at the Poughkeepsie Business college, that he later turned to good account. At the age of 24 he went to Indianapolis as the book-keeper of a large flouring business, but soon became general manager, and retained that position some ten years. He came to Littleton in 1877, and was in trade four years with Charles Eaton, and twelve years book-keeper at the Saranac Glove factory. Mr. Green served the town on its school board and as a member of the building com-



mittee to erect the high school building. A large share of his time during the past decade has been absorbed in the discharge of various public duties. He is serving his sixth term as selectman, five terms as chairman of the board. During his administration the fine town building and the new steel

bridge were erected. He was a town representative in 1883-4. Mr. Green is the chairman of the board of county commissioners of Grafton county and is overseer of the poor of this town. He married Jennie M. Smith in 1872. Mr. Green has been in a large sense the architect of his own fortunes and deservedly possesses the esteem and confidence of his associates.

THE LITTLETON SCHOOLS.

The replacement of the old Academy by the modern High School, though not an unmixed blessing, has its substantial compensations. The town of Littleton, prior to 1867, did not enjoy any systematic and thorough courses of study for its advanced students, who were compelled to seek elsewhere for academic training. In 1867 a charter was obtained for the present Union district, a committee of nine of the most prominent citizens being elected, who chose the site and erected the present excellent school building on High street. From that day there has been a steady improvement in school methods and school standards, until to-day the High school of Littleton occupies a position second to no other in the state. There has been a constant and growing interest among the parents, probably more marked during the past three years than ever before.

This is shown in various ways: in larger appropriations, better equipment, more teachers, but is perhaps most fully shown in the largely increased number of students who pursue a regular collegiate course after leaving the school. During the decade preceding 1894 there were only two;

in the classes of '95 and '96 there are no less than seven now in college, and there are several in each of the present high school classes preparing for a college course. The classes of '95 and '96 each numbered 11 members, all of whom were prepared to enter some of the college courses. During the last three years a third teacher has been added to the High school, which has made it possible to offer a more complete course to its students than any other school in Northern New Hamp-

of some of Littleton's citizens the school laboratories are splendidly equipped for the study of physics, chemistry and physiology, and a liberal amount of time is given to experimental and practical work in these subjects. That these facts are becoming known outside of Union District seems to be indicated by the fact that there is an increase in the number of tuition scholars in the high school alone of sixteen over last term, making a total registration of eighty-one for the present term. W. H. Mitchell is chairman of the school board, George H. Tilton is secretary, and George C. Furber is treasurer.

FRANK B. PELTON,

the present principal of the Littleton High School, is a young man of unusual energy, culture and character, and thoroughly devoted to his work. He is a native of Lyme, N. H. Early thrown upon his own resources, and impelled by a strong desire to obtain an education, he pursued his preparatory studies with very little tuition, and passed his entrance examination at the early age of fifteen, in a very creditable manner. He paid his own way through Dartmouth College, by teaching and numerous other business engagements, and graduated with honor from the classical course in the class of '93. Three years

later Dartmouth conferred upon him the master's degree. Mr. Pelton took charge of the Littleton High School in September, 1894, and has initiated many important improvements, and inspired in his pupils a measure of his own enthusiasm. He is a member of Burns Lodge, F. and A. M. During the present year he has been appointed by the State Department of Public



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shire. The course has been much expanded, and in fact, the same can be said of the courses in Latin, Greek, and the sciences. Anticipating the increased requirements in mathematics for the scientific course in colleges, advanced algebra and trigonometry have been added this year to the English course. By the profit of school entertainments and the generous liberality

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Instruction a member of the State Board of Examiners of Teachers. Mr. Pelton's efficient service has been pro-



ductive of such excellent results that it is hoped he will long remain at the head of Littleton's educational institutions.

A. D. WRIGHT & CO., HARDWARE.

Mr. Wright was born in Middlebury, Vt., in 1864. After graduating from the high school, he enjoyed ten years of valuable experience as clerk in a hardware store. Mr. Wright came to Littleton in January, 1896, and established himself in the hardware business in Tilton block. He carries a good line of shelf hardware, mechanics' supplies, fine cutlery, tin, iron and hollow ware, agricultural implements, stoves and ranges. He shows an especially full stock of paints, oils, varnishes, and brushes. Heating and plumbing is made a specialty. Mr. Wright is an energetic and reliable young man. His motto is "Live and let live." Returning his thanks for a liberal and increasing patronage, he strives to deserve and receive a continuance of the same.

JAMES BROWN, MILLER.

The old Eastman & Edson grist mill is one of the landmarks of the town. It was successfully conducted for many years by Curtis, and later by Ezra

Gates, of East St. Johnsbury, and now is run by another man from that village. "Jim" Brown was born in that burgh 38 years ago, but has given about half of those years to Littleton. He worked seven years for Ezra Gates and then ran a mill for Blanchard & Co. at Lisbon four years. Seven years ago he rented this mill, which had recently been fitted up in good shape with new water wheels, etc., and is building up a good trade. Last year he ground and sold some 54 car-loads of loose grain, corn and oats, besides a large custom trade. He also sold more than 800 barrels of flour, and more than a dozen car-loads of feed. The mill is provided with elevators, has a



storage capacity of 10 car-loads, and a car-load per day can be ground all right. Mr. Brown is a hard working, square dealing man, and he numbers among his customers such patrons as Thayer's hotel, the Profile, English & Bond, and other leading firms.

CHARLES H. APPLEBEE.

Dear reader, with your permission, we will spend a pleasant evening hour in the hospitable home of Charles H. Applebee, soldier, mill man, and blacksmith. Jog our subject's memory, and he will conjure up his recollection of primitive Littleton, the straggling country village of 40 years ago; he

will recount the scenes of camp, and field, and hospital, and with his vision we shall see the brave lines of blue cross the deadly pontoons of Fredricksburg, and challenge death on many a bloody field of strife. Miss Grace



Applebee will evoke for us the magic charm of song, and music from the piano as by the stroke of an enchantress' wand. The subject of our sketch is a native and life-long citizen of Littleton, where his beaming countenance and rotund figure are as welcome and familiar as the rising sun. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the 13th New Hampshire regiment, and serving much of the time for nearly three years on detached duty in the ambulance corps, saw many of the varying phases of "grim visaged war." Before going south he married Harriet Randall, of Lyndon, Vt., who died in 1873. His present wife was Mrs. Mary Osgood Ranlett, and their only child is Grace A., a graduate of Littleton High school, and an accomplished musician. After returning from the tented field, Mr. Applebee was for many years engaged in the lumber business in this vicinity, alone, in company with others, and as foreman of the Waumbek Lumber Co. He purchased the old stone blacksmith shop in 1883, repaired it, and has since been engaged in blacksmithing. The stone shop is a landmark, the leading shop in town, with horse shoeing as a specialty. Mr. Applebee is agent for the Walter A. Wood mowing machines. Stalwart, sturdy, and industrious, he is the impersonation of Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith." His substantial residence is located above the shop. He has served on the village police

force about a dozen years. He joined Burns Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1867, was knighted in St. Gerard Commandery in '68, in which he has since continuously held office, and was twice eminent commander. He is also a member of the G. A. R.

THE LITTLETON BANKS.

The Littleton National Bank was organized in October, 1871; has a capital of \$150,000, with a surplus and undivided profits of \$53,444. The present officers of the bank are: Oscar C. Hatch, president; George T. Cruft, vice-president; Henry E. Richardson, cashier; Charles E. Smith, book-keeper; Charles O. Parker, clerk. The directors are: O. C. Hatch, C. F. Eastman, G. T. Cruft, C. H. Greenleaf, Ira Parker, W. H. Bellows, J. H. Bailey.

The Littleton Savings Bank has on deposit \$1,023,751.00, with a surplus and undivided profits of \$91,965.00.

ed cashier of the National Bank of Chelsea, Vt., and served efficiently for two years, when, in 1872, he was elected cashier of the National Bank and treasurer of the Savings Bank of Littleton. In 1887 he was elected president of the National Bank and has since filled that position with eminent success. Mr. Hatch is a Knight Templar and a 33d degree Mason, A. S. R. An active and influential Republican, he represented Littleton in 1892-3.

FRANK C. ALBEE.

Among the genial and cultured rural homes of Littleton, there are none more hospitable than that of F. C. Albee, who resides on the Peabody farm a mile below the new bridge. Mr. Albee comes of good native stock, his grandfather being Alexander Albee, an early settler. Curtis Albee married a daughter of Laban Tift, a pioneer blacksmith, and Frank was the eldest of four sons. He was born in 1844, and at the age of 20 married Amanda, daughter of Horace Buck. The latter soon after purchased the Peabody farm which has since been the home of both families until the death of Mr. and Mrs. Buck. The farm contains about 325 acres, of which nearly one-third is in mowing and tillage. Mr. Albee has a fine sugar orchard of 1300 trees, but the dairy is the leading feature. He has served six years on the school board, and is now for the second year the efficient road commissioner. Frank C. and Amanda Albee have two children, Grace and Horace Buck.

C. TROMBLEY.

The occupation of barber is not fully appreciated. He is a conservator of domestic happiness. It is his business to keep the masculine phiz in presentable condition to receive the delectable good bye kiss of wife or sweetheart. Just imagine for a moment what would soon become the appearance of the stern sex, and what results would be sure to follow, were it not for the faithful use of shears and razor. For sixteen years Mr. Trombley has industriously plied them in Little-

ton, and if the natives go unshaven and unshorn, it isn't his fault. Well, they don't, to any extent. Mr. Trombley enjoys a good digestion, and a clear conscience, and entertains his custom-



er with such a lively flow of cheerful chat, that he rises from the chair with refreshed spirit, and a benevolent feeling toward all mankind. If billiards is your forte, Trombley will let you shine and take your cash. If you want a good cigar, a plain or fancy pipe, or a railroad mileage, Trombley will make you happy. Call and see him in his bran new quarters, No. 78 Main Street.

I. C. RICHARDSON.

was born in Littleton some 41 years ago. His father, Henry Richardson, was a farmer and liveryman and his son naturally followed in his footsteps. He attended the village graded and high schools and remained at home until he was 22 and then purchased the Granite block, and the livery connected. It was then a light outfit with only five horses, but Mr. Richardson developed the business so successfully that in '95 he sold the rolling stock to G. F. Burkard for a trifle of \$8000. He has recently re-purchased it. A prudent audacity has marked his ventures. He built, bought, remodelled and rented tenement houses, at times



Its officers are: Charles F. Eastman, president; Ira Parker, vice president; Oscar C. Hatch, secretary and treasurer; Henry O. Hatch, teller. The directors are: Oscar C. Hatch, Charles F. Eastman, Ira Parker, George T. Cruft, William H. Bellows, Henry F. Green and James H. Bailey.

HON. OSCAR C. HATCH.

Mr. Hatch is a native of Wells River, Vt., and after a valuable training of four years as general clerk in the National Bank of Newbury, he was elect-

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having as many as forty tenants. In 1890 he bought the old B. W. Kilburn foundry and machine shop of Tilton & Goodell, and converted it into a grist mill, and is doing a land office business, handling from 75 to 100 car loads

mile from the village. He has remodelled and constructed a handsome front to Granite Block, which is designed for a hotel, with 45 guest rooms above the ground floor. The building is four stories, with an observatory 20

completed next spring, and Mr. Richardson will rent it on easy terms to the right man. The guest rooms are large, and its central location as well as its modern conveniences, will enable a live man to secure a handsome



I. C. RICHARDSON'S NEW HOTEL

of flour and feed per annum. Mr. Richardson is a dealer in horses, live stock, pressed hay, wood, in fact almost everything, except millinery, hair goods and musical instruments. He has a good hundred acre farm only a

by 23 feet, which commands a fine view of the valley and mountains. It will be heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and will be provided with speaking tubes, electric bells and an elevator. The building will be fully

patronage from tourists and the commercial public. Mr. Richardson married Nellie Williams, of St. Johnsbury, and they have two children living. He is a Knight Templar and in 1891-2 he represented Littleton in the legislature,

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DR. T. E. SANGER.

Dr. Sanger is not only the pioneer, and the most distinguished exponent of his school in northern New Hampshire, but he has left the impress of his



strong personality on the social and public life of the community. He comes of staunch English stock, his first American ancestor, Richard Sanger, emigrating to this country in 1636, settling in Hingham, Mass. Eleazer, the great grandfather of Dr. Sanger, fought in the old French war and in the War of the Revolution. Eleazer, his grand sire, was the pioneer settler at St. Johnsbury Centre. Ezra, the father of Dr. T. E. Sanger, became a merchant and manufacturer at Troy, N. Y., where our subject was born in 1832. Dr. Sanger completed his academic course at the St. Johnsbury Academy at the age of 18, going from there to Toledo, O., where he accepted a position in a drug store, applying himself most assiduously for two years in the study of medicine. He then attended medical lectures in Philadelphia and also studied in the offices of Drs. Stone and Sanborn of St. Johnsbury and Darling of Lyndon. He graduated from the Homeopathic College of Philadelphia in 1856, locating at Hardwick, Vt. He came to Littleton in 1858, where he has since enjoyed a most notable professional career.

His reputation as a most skillful practitioner was soon established, in a clientage at first very, adverse to his school, and his counsel has been widely sought in critical cases by members of both schools. In 1870 he became a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, has held all of the highest offices of the N. H. Medical Society, and was the first president of the Connecticut Valley Homeopathic Medical society. In 1871 he was appointed pension surgeon of the U. S. Pension Bureau, resigning on the advent of the Cleveland administration. He is at present medical examiner in the K. of H. He became a member of Burns Lodge in 1870 and later of St. Gerard Commandery, has attained the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite Masonry and in 1892 was elected G. C. of the Grand Commandery of N. H. He was united in 1856 to Janthe C. Kneeland and three daughters have blessed their union: Ellen I., wife of Dr. E. K. Parker; Lillian E., Mrs. F. E. Green, and Catherine F. Dr. Sanger has been actively interested in several semi-public enterprises of the village and his unfailing good nature and brilliant social qualities have won him a host of friends, and his perseverance and ability have secured the highest professional reward.

N. W. RANLETT

is well known as the veteran carriage and sleigh manufacturer of Littleton. A tour of the mountains by coach or carriage is by far the most healthful and enjoyable method of seeing the country, but the enjoyment is largely dependent upon the vehicle used, for mountain roads are liable to be rough and steep in places, and considerations of safety as well as of comfort demand that the vehicle be strong, light, and easy, and especially adapted to mountain travel. N. W. Ranlett has been engaged in the manufacture of mountain vehicles since 1860, and the natural presumption is that he knows his business thoroughly, and is prepared to turn out work that will give excellent satisfaction. Such indeed is the fact, and the desirability of the re-

sults attained is not due to experience and skill alone, but also to the excellent facilities available, the plant being very complete and of the most approved type. There is one shop 50



feet square, and another 30 by 85 feet, both of four floors. A large stock of carriages, wagons, and sleighs is carried and a thoroughly well-made vehicle of modern style may be bought here at a low figure. Carriage painting and all other work connected with the business, will be done in a superior manner at short notice, and repairing of all descriptions will be done to order at moderate rates, the repairing of coaches and mountain wagons being a specialty. The extensive facilities at hand enable repairs to be neatly and durably carried out at remarkably short notice, when haste is essential, a point which touring parties will do well to remember. Mr. Ranlett is a native of Lancaster, and founded his present business more than a third of a century ago. He is naturally proud of the reputation his establishment has so long enjoyed, and spares no pains to maintain it in every department.

E. THORNTON SANDERSON.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever." A whole community enjoys a certain proprietary right in a beautiful residence or a stately public building;

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hence the designer and builder is in a large sense a public benefactor. He is also an educator of the public taste. Pleasant homes are conservators of



private and public virtue. The skillful architect is a moral as well as industrial factor and deserves encouragement. In Mr. Sanderson, Littleton has a desirable acquisition. He is a native of Massachusetts, born in 1875,

and received his preliminary training at the well known Cambridge Manual Training School, from which he graduated in the class of '91. He then entered the office of Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, successors of the famous architect, H. H. Richardson. This is one of the most notable firms in the United States, with offices in St. Louis and Chicago, and Mr. Sanderson here enjoyed exceptional advantages for studying high art. He settled in Littleton in 1895 and his office is in Robinson Block over the White Mountain Pharmacy. We may observe Mr. Sanderson's work in the Union Congregational church at Bartlett, the new Haverhill Academy, the new school building at Apthorp, several cottages at Bethlehem, H. E. Kenney's residence on Pleasant street, Parker's Cohashauke block, and the new Richardson hotel. Mr. Sanderson has a brilliant future before him in his chosen profession.

MRS. E. C. YOUNG.

Mrs. Young began to learn the milliners' trade at the age of 16. She worked 13 years for Mrs. J. A. Stevens

at Littleton and seven years for the popular milliner, E. B. Phillips, now of Manchester. With this extensive experience Mrs. Young unites natural tact and a pleasing address. Her stock of millinery and fancy goods in McCoy block merits attention. During the busy season she always employs an expert trimmer from the city.



NOAH FARR,

One of the most successful farmers in the state.



The above illustration of the farm buildings and home of Noah Farr, with the accompanying portrait of that gentleman, were received too late to be printed with the biographical sketch, which appears on another page.

MODERN LITTLETON.

The history of a town or a nation is like the current of a river; a continuous, inseparable movement, sometimes rapid and tumultuous, during the period of some moral or political upheaval, sometimes creeping with sluggish, almost imperceptible movement, through the swamps of industrial depression, anon rushing forward with increased volume and accelerated velocity, as it assimilates some great tributary industry. Each generation is the heir of others that have preceded it, and this fixed capital of heredity is moulded by a constantly changing environment. Littleton has ever been the gateway of mountain travel, and in late years guests have tarried within her gates. She has been saved from the moral and mental inertia, the narrow and self-satisfied provincialism which incrusts an isolated town. Her citizens annually enjoy the social contact, the wholesome criticism and sage suggestions of cultured and travelled tourists from all sections of our great republic. The result is a liberal cosmopolitan spirit, which is not lacking in local pride and patriotism. Her wealthy and successful men have all sprung from the ranks, and assume no superior style of dress or equipage, and are kindly and approachable to all. This universal good fellowship and republican simplicity is a charming feature of Littleton society. There is no cod-fish aristocracy, and "our set" is a very inclusive term. The Cohashauke Club, the great fraternities, and the church societies, in which rich and poor mingle freely in social intercourse, are the solvents which dissolve all artificial social distinctions. During the past dozen years there have been no politics in the election of town and village officials, for a citizens' caucus names a ticket, selected with reference to individual merit and fitness. The result is a clean, able, responsible administration of local affairs, and the adoption of the policy of permanent improvements and the retention in office of men of proved fitness. The community is governed by moral and intellectual instead of

spirituous forces.

During the past decade the material, the educational and the religious interests of the town have moved grandly and harmoniously forward as never before. Of the six religious societies all have provided new accessories or improvements and added to their membership; all are out of debt, and all are working harmoniously and effectively for the regeneration of society.

The history of the Littleton Musical Association is unique. It has existed a quarter of a century, and has never failed to hold a successful annual winter convention. It is strong financially and a permanent institution. No



REV. W. C. LITCHFIELD.

similar instance of musical persistence is on record in this state. Martha Dana Shepard has been the pianist at these festivals for 25 consecutive years, and Carl Zerrahn was its patron saint. Another flourishing musical organization is the Saranac Band. The rural residents, as well as the villagers, share in these privileges and the former are in closer touch with the serene and unseen influences of nature that descend like a benediction from the eternal mountains. "Then ask not why to these bleak hills they cling as clings the tufted moss, to bear the winter's lingering chills, the mocking spring's perpetual loss; For sweet

homes nestle in these dells, and perch along these wooded swells, and blest beyond Arcadian vales, they hear the sound of Sabbath bells."

Littleton is a beautiful village. It has a peculiar individuality, in the charming variety of color, architecture and local situation of its residences. Spacious old colonial villas, with porticos and Doric columns, are fronted or flanked by cosy, modern cottages, or handsome Queen Anne mansions. The business blocks are centred principally on the south side of Main street, a long and handsome boulevard, with concrete pavement and granite curbing through its entire length. Here also is located the elegant town building, Thayer's and Richardson's great hotels, and four of the seven churches. The slopes fronting the Ammonoosuc valley and the mountain sentinels of Franconia, are crowned with pretty cottages and elegant mansions, and towering above these rise the Littleton and Kilburn school buildings, and the summer hotels, "The Maples" and "Chiswick Inn." The Ammonoosuc is spanned by a fine steel bridge, with massive granite buttresses, and just beyond are the tasty passenger and freight depots, Edson & Bailey's general store, Kilburn's Stereoscopic View factory, and the residential suburb known as the "South Side." The past half-dozen years have seen a wonderful transformation in the exterior of Littleton. A thoroughly concrete and macadamized street has taken the place of a former mud-hole, plank, brick and dirt sidewalks have been replaced by concrete, the steel bridge has been constructed with a more uniform street grade, and scores of the best private residences have been erected, more during this year than ever before. Trade is well organized on the scale of adequate to the public needs. There are two general stores, three drug stores, three jewelers, a half-dozen grocery stores, one furniture store, two meat markets, a fish market, three hardware stores, four milliners, three boot and shoe stores, four gent's clothing stores, two dry goods stores, two stationers, three restaurants, a bakery,

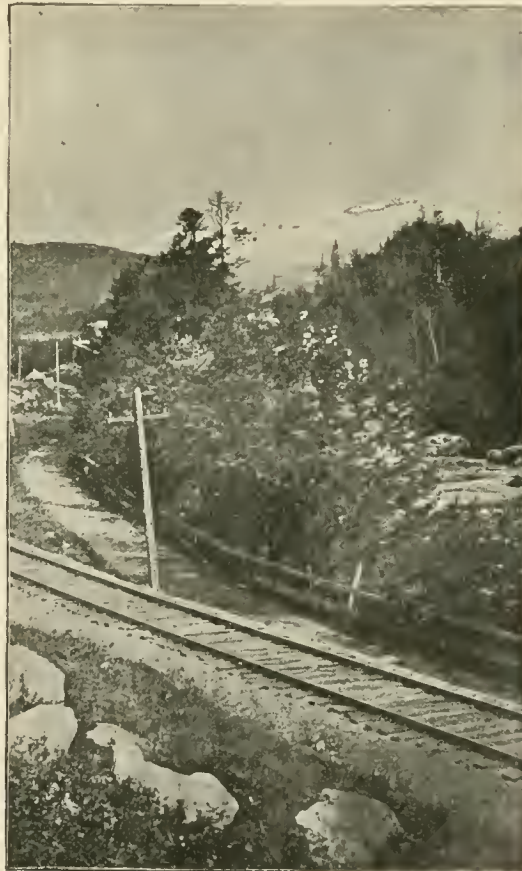
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three dentists, two photographers, three barbers, four liverys, three hotels, three summer hotels. The manufactures are represented by the Saranac glove factory, the Littleton shoe shop, two stereoscopic view shops, one steam saw mill, bobbin and quill mill, marble and granite works, two machine shops, three carriage firms, two sash and blind and lumber establishments, four blacksmiths, and three tin shops and plumbers.

Five lawyers are busily employed in tying and untying legal knots, six ministers are empowered to tie matrimonial knots, and to conserve public morals, eight physicians facilitate births, defer deaths, and preserve the public health so faithfully that only one firm of undertakers is semi occasionally employed in preparing funeral supplies for an exceptionally healthful community. The population of the town will approximate four thousand, of which nearly three thousand are in the village and suburbs. The great pillars which support the fabric of Littleton's prosperity are agriculture, rewarded with an excellent home market local trade, which also caters to an extensive and prosperous farming community, the great special manufactures of Saranac gloves, stereoscopic views, the Littleton shoe factory, and the minor local manufactures, and last but not least the summer travel that pays a lucrative tribute to Littleton, as the gateway, the capital, and the treasury of this Switzerland of America. All of these industries, with the coming revival of general business, will soon enjoy the noontide of abundant prosperity.

The lumber business, a most important factor in the past, will be continued, but with diminished volume. Littleton possesses all of the essential resources for a healthy and continuous growth. The village streets, all business houses, and many residences, are well lighted by electricity. A good water supply and a live fire department have hitherto secured almost complete immunity from destructive fires. An

excellent sewerage system is one of the recent improvements. The town library, endowed with a beautiful home, will be progressively increased. Hand in hand with its material development will go those social, intellectual and religious institutions that conserve society, and make life worth living. Its banks, railroads, factories, stores and hotels are supplemented by its seven religious societies, representing differing phases of religious belief, by its great fraternal, patriotic, and benefit



THE AMMONOOSUC RIVER NEAR LITTLETON.

societies, by its excellent public school system, its instructive lecture courses, library and reading rooms. The tools are for those who can use them. Industry clasps hands with opportunity. The citizens of Littleton extend the right hand of fellowship alike to capital and labor that may here seek a congenial field. Mindful of the worthy examples of the pioneers, thankful for dangers averted and achievements won, but intent on the duties and responsibilities of the present, their gaze is

steadily forward to the opportunities of the future.

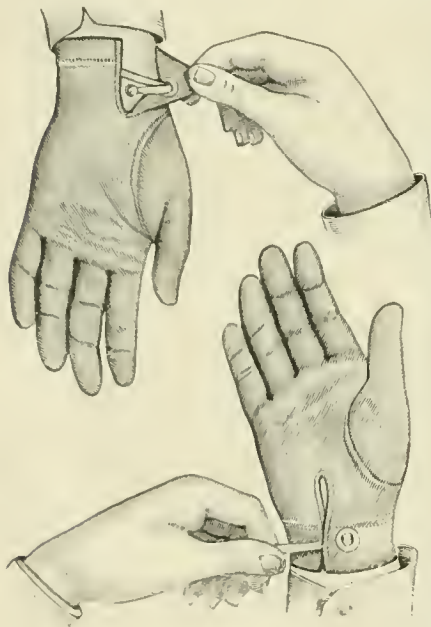
HON. ISAAC CALHOUN

is one of the leading business men and real estate owners of Grafton County. He was born in Lyman in 1832, son of James and Philena Robbins Calhoun. James Calhoun was a prosperous farmer, in early life a teacher, and an original anti-slavery man. Isaac was the eldest child and only son of a family of seven children. He was early inured to the cares and labors of the farm, and his education was completed at Newbury Seminary. He began life as a farmer but later engaged in the lumber business in Lisbon, adding the produce and butcher business in which he carried on an extensive trade, and soon acquired a handsome competence. He came to Littleton and bought the Flanders' place in 1868 and again embarked in the butcher and produce business. At length he disposed of this business and gave his leading attention to the management of his extensive landed interests. He was also financially interested in the South Littleton Lumber Co., and in a starch factory in Maine, and owns several blocks and houses in Littleton village. His residence and grounds on Main street are elegant and sightly, and a fine meadow is conveniently located. Mr. Calhoun is a man of keen, practical judgment, and makes farming pay. He married Miss Ldiyaett Hildreth of Lisbon, and after her early death, Flora, daughter of Prescott and Lucy Young of Lisbon. They have

an adopted daughter, Alice M., 17 years of age. In religious belief, Mr. Calhoun is by religious faith a Congregationalist. He is a member of Burns Lodge, F. & A. M. He is an active and influential Republican, served three years as selectman, and as a representative in the State Legislature of 1889-'90. He takes an active and abiding interest in all the public and progressive movements of Littleton, and is one of the town's most influential citizens.

PARKER BROTHERS & CO.

It is seldom that a firm engages in business where each different member seems so fully adapted to his special work as is the case in this firm. The firm was founded in 1891, and Charles Parker, T. E. Parker, and H. H. Porter are the present members. The business is the sale of standard gloves and mittens to retail merchants, and their trade is now well established all over New England and Northern New York, for six salesmen are usually on the road. The office and warehouse of the company are on the second floor of Opera block. The Parkers originated in Lisbon, but for many years three of the brothers have been residents of Littleton, where they have been best



known to the outside public as manufacturers and salesmen of gloves of the best quality, although they have successfully managed other lines. Charles Parker is a son of Silas Parker, of Lisbon, and his youth was spent there. He came to Littleton in 1864. Mr. Parker became treasurer and general manager of the Eureka Glove Co. soon after its organization in 1876, and thus continued until that company was consolidated in the Saranac in the fall of '89, in which corporation he then became and has since been a director. A large share of the stock of Parker Brothers & Co. is obtained of the

Saranac Co., which is a sufficient guarantee of its merit. Charles Parker, with his ample experience, is an expert of rare skill, and with deft hand and practiced eye selects, classifies, and ships the orders received by the house. He is building for the future, on a basis of the most scrupulous carefulness and business integrity, and fills the position of treasurer and general manager. His son, Walter H. Parker, is now a successful salesman, and doubtless will soon become a member of the firm. H. A. Merrill is now the efficient book-keeper. T. E. Parker, the veteran salesman, came here from Lyndon, Vt. about 12 years ago, where he was engaged in the jewelry business. H. H. Porter has been a resident of Littleton a score of years, and constantly in the glove business. He has invented a patent glove fastener and is a first class salesman.

THE LITTLETON LUMBER CO.

is one of the oldest and most widely known of the business enterprises of Littleton, and has been an important factor in the up building of the town. The pioneer of the enterprise was Ariel Holmes, and later Deacon Tarbell and Charles Eaton were for many years the leading partners. The main office and retail sheds have for many years been located near the passenger depot and the mills are at South Littleton. In June, 1896, A. W. Bean and H. D. Green, both active young men of this town, formed the present firm. They are engaged in the sale of all kinds of hard and soft wood lumber, doors, windows, sash and blinds, lath, clapboards and shingles. They obtain their spruce and hemlock largely from mills in this vicinity, their hard pine from the South, and the sash and blinds from the West in car-load lots. Their storage sheds, located near the track, are extensive and convenient. Mr. Bean is the owner of the large coal and wood sheds located above the freight depot. The coal shed is 100 feet long and has a capacity of 1500 tons of coal and every facility for screening and handling the same. A car-load of coal can be unloaded here

in 20 minutes. The wood shed contains a large supply of all kinds of hard wood. Mr. Bean is in the true sense a self made man. He is a native of Bethlehem, born in 1861, and was early thrown upon his own resources. He obtained a good practical education, kept books, and became a fourth owner in the Littleton Lumber Co. for several years. He also was book-keeper three years at the Saranac, and five years at Zealand, and was three years superintendent of the mills of the Littleton Lumber Co. at South Littleton. He married Estelle A. Chandler of Littleton. Harry D. Green was born in 1872, and is a son of Henry Green. After completing his education at the Littleton High school Mr. Green was engaged in the grocery business. He married Persis A., daughter of T. E. Parker of Littleton. The Littleton Lumber Co., under the management of these active and able young men, offers valuable facilities to the building trade.



JOHN W. FARR.

Two and one-half miles northwest-erly from Littleton is "Maplewood Farm," whose owner, John W. Farr, has long been well known among the farmers of northern New Hampshire, and also prominent among grange circles. This is the original homestead, settled in 1802 by Ebenezer Farr, of Chesterfield, to whose son Joseph it descended. John Wilder Farr, son of Joseph and Betsy (Danforth) Farr,

was born on the farm, May 26, 1825, and has spent his entire life here, with the exception of ten years devoted to railroading in Massachusetts, New York and Ontario. In 1857 he returned to Littleton, took charge of the farm, and has since successfully pursued the agricultural calling. There are 175 acres of land, of which about 50 acres are mowing and tillage. The annual hay product is about 35 tons, which is supplemented by oats and corn. Mixed farming is followed, but dairying is a leading feature, the butter from eight or ten cows, mostly grade Jerseys, being generally sold to private customers. Mrs. Farr's reputation as a butter-maker is first-class, her butter having commanded first premiums at state and local fairs, and her exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago, in 1893, having been awarded a medal and diploma. Mr. Farr first married Eliza D. Phelps, of Merritton, Ont., who died in 1861, leaving two daughters, Etta P. and Nellie E., of whom the latter, a trained nurse, only survives. His present wife was Miss Alwilda P. Lane of Lancaster, by whom he has had four children. Edward C., the eldest son, is a farmer in the town of Orange; Myra L. is a teacher in Littleton, and, as well as the youngest son, John W. Farr, Jr., resides at home. Mr. Farr was one of the charter members of White Mountain Grange and has served seven years as overseer and five years as master, and has been a faithful and devoted member of the subordinate and state granges, having been four years a member of the executive committee in the latter body. He was a charter member of Northern New Hampshire Pomona Grange, and its chaplain in 1896. Mr. Farr was a member of the advisory council of the World's Congress Auxiliary, on Farm Culture and Cereal Industry, at Chicago in 1893, and has been vice-president of the New Hampshire Horticultural Society, since its organization, being an extensive and successful fruit-grower. He has also been a director and one of the executive committee of the Grafton and Coos Grange Fair Association, and a director of the

Grange State Fair. He is a Congregationalist in religion, and a Republican in politics, and was one of the representatives from Littleton in the legislature of 1895-'96.

APTHORP.

The name of Apthorp is historic. It designated at one time the present town of Littleton and the first child born in town was named Apthorp. The thriving village of Apthorp is located about a mile from the business center of Littleton village, with which it is closely identified by business interests and will within a quarter century be united by cordons streets and an electric road and thus become a constituent part of greater Littleton. For many years the scythe factory was the leading enterprise and gave its name to the village, but the principal industry which has infused new life into the village is the Littleton Shoe Co. The village has grown steadily and solidly during all of these years of business depression and public improvements have followed, which include water supply, new school house, delivery of mails twice a day, and others of minor importance. The growth of Littleton village will almost necessarily be toward Apthorp. Topography largely determines location of residence and business, and in this vicinity the valley spreads out, giving excellent building sites and good drainage. A succession of good water privileges on the Ammonoosac are easily available for the location of manufacturing plants. Apthorp is yet in its swaddling clothes; it has a future of growth and prosperity.

EDWARD HALE WELLS

is best known as the genial merchant and post master of Apthorp, and he is closely identified with all of the progressive public movements of that thrifty burgh. He is one of Littleton's good and true men who were cradled at Sugar Hill, Lisbon. His boyhood was spent at Franconia, and in 1879 at the age of 19, he came to Littleton as clerk for Eaton & Green. In 1882 he married Miss Hattie L. Phillips of Con-

cord, Vt. In 1884 he engaged in the bakery business and conducted the Opera dining hall very successfully. Four years later he came to Apthorp and bought his present store, and he was post master in 1887. Mr. Wells nearly doubled his stock of goods the



first year, adding the new features of dry goods and foot wear, and soon developed a lively but conservative trade. His clerk is A. J. Brooks, also assistant post master. Mr. Wells is active and public spirited and was largely instrumental in securing and building the handsome new school house at Apthorp, and is one of the town school directors. He has one son, Harry A. Wells. His present wife was formerly Elizabeth Barnham, of Lawrence, Mass.

SMITH BROTHERS.

The members of this firm, E. J. and G. W. Smith, are natives of Littleton, sons of Rufus Smith, the veteran granite cutter. They are both practical artizans, and E. J. has enjoyed valuable experience in Massachusetts, where he was foreman four years for the Rockport Granite Co., and last year was foreman of the stonework in the construction of the great Holyoke dam. The firm was formed last January and their shop and power plant were rented of the Littleton Shoe Co. A large share of their granite comes from the celebrated Wetmore & Morse quarry of Barre, Vt. Smith Brothers are prepared to do all kinds of monumental and building work promptly, in a workmanlike manner, and at prices to suit the times. The people of this vicinity will show enlightened self-interest by patronizing this valuable home industry.

THE LITTLETON SHOE CO.

This corporation was organized in September, 1895, with the following officers: D. C. Remich, president; Ira Parker, vice-president; John G. Bent, treasurer; A. D. Nute, general manager. The above gentlemen with Hon. Oscar C. Hatch, president of the First National Bank, J. H. Bailey, F. H. English and W. H. Bellows constitute the board of directors.

The factory is 40 by 100 feet, four stories and basement, and is located on the Ammonoosuc river at Apthorp. It is run by water power with an adequate steam power attached, is provided with all modern conveniences, and is owned by the town. The company manufacture a varied line of men's, boys', and youths' satin calf shoes, and a full line of colored goods in their season. More than 200 hands are employed, principally natives of this section. The present output is about 100 dozen pairs of shoes per day, with a constantly increasing demand and production. Under the present able and conservative management, the factory is the latest and most important acquisition to the industrial prosperity of Littleton.

GEORGE C. PATTEN.

Where the Rankin brook leaps from the hills to join the broad Connecticut, nestles the little hamlet of Pattenville. It was at or very near this point, that Jonathan Eastman, about 110 years ago, located the first grist and saw mills that supplied bread and shelter to the hardy pioneers of Littleton. In due time Solomon Whiting became the owner of what was known as the Mulliken mills, and his son, Robert, succeeded him, but upon the latter's death from an accident received in the mill in 1874, George C. Patten, grandson of Solomon Whiting, succeeded to the property. George C. Patten was born in Boston in 1852 and is a son of George C. and Melissa Whiting Patten. Our subject's father came from New Brunswick to Boston and was engaged in the publishing of books, but his life was cut short at the early age of 28 by consumption and his wife followed him

to an early grave. The orphaned child found a home with his grandfather, Solomon Whiting. Mr. Patten has invoked the aid of modern invention. In 1893 he put in a large cider press, styled the Mt. Gilead press, operated by hydraulic pressure, and which grinds about 750 bushels of apples per day, and it receives an extensive patronage from the apple producers of the



vicinity. He has enlarged and remodeled the mills, and in 1895 put in a 60-horse power boiler and engine as an emergency fund in a time of low water. Mr. Patten manufactures all kinds of bill timber, shingles, and butter tubs. He has in view improvements which will enable him to finish flooring and house finish. His farm is a convenient adjunct to his lumber business. Mr. Patten married Jennie E., daughter of Madison Sanborn of Littleton, who died in her eighteenth year, leaving one son, Frank T. Mr. Patten is a Republican and liberal in his religious views. He exhibits a persevering industry, and rectitude of purpose, that commands the respect of his associates.

THE REPUBLIC-JOURNAL.

The first number of the White Mountain Republic was issued October 4, 1867 by Chester E. Carey, who had purchased in the September preceding of L. W. Rowell the printing material of the Littleton Gazette, which was discontinued. The Republic office was located in Union Block, then recently erected. It was a seven column paper, 23 by 35 inches, Democratic in politics, printed on a hand press, and the subscription price was \$2.00 per annum, which seems like a large price at the present time. Henry H. Metcalf was

editor for the first six months, after which Mr. Carey took full charge until September 1871. In April, 1868, Mr. Carey moved the office to Smith's block, where he remained until February, 1871, when he again moved into a building he had purchased near the old brick store and fitted up for an office and dwelling. September 15, 1871, he sold the paper and material, to which he had added a Guernsey power press, to Henry H. Metcalf, who again moved the office to the second floor, last end of Union block. Mr. Carey left town and was afterward connected with various papers. He died in Hanover, September 25, 1896. Mr. Metcalf conducted the paper until April 27, 1874, when he sold the paper and material to George C. Furber. It was then located in two small rooms and the material from which it was printed was not worth more than \$800. Larger and more commodious quarters were soon needed and January 1, 1880, the office was moved to the ground floor of L. P. Parker's building, corner of Main and Pleasant, a modern power press and steam power added and the plant made one of the best in Northern New Hampshire. In 1880 Mr. Furber started the White Mountain Record in North Conway, dividing his time between the two, and sold a half interest in the Republic to D. O. Wallace. In 1882 or '83 Mr. Wallace sold back his interest to Mr. Furber, who from that time continued sole editor and proprietor until 1891. January 1, 1881, the good will of the Haverhill Herald was purchased and the subscription list merged with that of the Republic. In 1886 larger quarters were needed and the office was moved into the Nelson C. Farr block where it remained ten years, until it was moved to its present location in 1896. September 7, 1889, Mr. Furber purchased of John D. Bridge the Littleton Journal and the two papers were consolidated under the name of Republic-Journal, and the size increased from four to eight pages. October 1, 1891, on account of poor health Mr. Furber sold a two-thirds interest and the active management of the paper to Willis H. Colby, and a

year later sold Mr. Colby the remaining third.

In January, 1895, D. B. Plumer & Co. bought the office from Mr. Colby, and A. W. Emerson assumed control. In the spring of 1896 the office was moved to its present handsome and commodious quarters, and new machinery was added, placing the equipment far ahead of that of any other office north of Concord. The following November the Plumer Publishing Co. was incorporated, Mr. Emerson continuing as editor and manager until May of the present year, when James M. W. Cooper assumed charge of the business department. October 1, Mr. Cooper and Allan F. Sparrow leased the plant from the Plumer Publishing Company. Last July a new publication was started, *The White Mountain Life*, a summer weekly devoted to the resorts of the White Mountains. Its success was assured from the first number, and throughout the country it was pronounced the handsomest and newsiest resort magazine published. Much new material has been added during the past three months, and further improvements are contemplated in the near future that will more thoroughly equip the office for rapid and perfect work. An idea of the present capacity of the office may be had from this special number, which was completed in less than three weeks from the receipt of the first installment of copy, besides carrying on the regular work of the office in both newspaper and job departments.

THE SOUVENIR.

"The first shall be last, and the last shall be first," is sometimes true, but in this case the last shall be in the middle, for this is the last page to be printed, yet is the middle of the book. In preparing this special edition, we have been greatly hampered by failure of the engraving company to furnish the illustrations promptly, and we go to press with this form without three large cuts—of the shoe shop, of Hon. Isaac Calhoun's residence and Warren W. Lovejoy's farm. We have waited until further delay means that the

edition will not be printed to circulate at the advertised time, so these excellent features must be omitted.

In other ways the work has been hindered, yet the paper is out on time, and is, we believe, as handsome a souvenir as has ever been issued from a country office. More than a ton and a half of fine book paper has been used to print the five thousand copies, and the expense can best be realized by those who have had done work of a similar nature. A copy of this souvenir goes to each of our subscribers, and many extra copies will be sent out by those who are included in the sketches. We have left about one hundred copies, which can be had at ten cents each, which barely covers the actual cost. With best wishes for a merry, merry Christmas, and trusting that this will not be the least of your holiday blessings, we are, most cordially,

THE PUBLISHERS.

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is located in Parker building next door to Kenney & Co's drug store. Office hours from eight a. m. to five p. m. daily. Dr. Gledhill has received a diploma from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, also holds a certificate granted by the state board of examiners

in dentistry of New York, and also of the state board of New Hampshire. Having taken a special course in crown and bridge work and being provided with latest improvements for doing this kind of work he feels confident of giving satisfaction. All operations are carefully and scientifically treated. Painless extraction by the use of all known anæsthetics. All examinations free.

BURNS LODGE, F. & A. M.

Regular communications of Burns Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., are held Thursday of the week in which the moon fulls, in Masonic hall, Union Block. The officers are: H. K. Hallett, W. M.; W. F. Robins, S. W.; A. W. Coburn, J. W.; C. F. Eastman, treasurer; F. H. English, secretary; J. F. Tilton, chaplain; W. M. Silsby, Sr. Deacon; W. A. Beebe, Jr. Deacon.

LAFAYETTE LODGE, I. O. O. F.

was organized about 20 years ago with seven charter members, and that number has increased twenty fold. The Odd Fellows' Block is a monument to the enterprise of the Lodge. The present officers are: B. H. Pennock, N. G.; John Woodward, V. G.; August Huron, secretary; O. W. Hunkins, treasurer.



THE CONGREGATIONAL PARSONAGE.

C. F. HARRIS & CO.

The traveler will scarcely fail to notice the Harris carriage works, located just above the village on the Ammonoosuc river. The main building is 35 by 100 feet, two stories, not including the elevator and two large buildings for storage. It occupies the former site of the scythe factory. This business was founded by C. F. Harris eight years ago, and in 1892 Henry Merrill became a partner, giving his personal attention to the outside business and the care of the books. The following March the building was destroyed by fire, and the present buildings were erected the same season. Since that time the most improved machinery has been introduced, and



the business has greatly expanded, employing a force of ten men most of the time. The specialties of the firm are the manufacture of the popular Harris spring sleigh and mountain wagons. These wagons are strong, convenient, stylish and safe, being provided with effective breaks, and are just the thing for a four or six-in-hand turnout for pleasure parties. The firm also manufactures heavy farm and job wagons, standard buggies and sleighs and their goods and prices warrant careful inspection. Mr. Harris was born in 1856, and for 26 years has been engaged in the work of making carriages. The products of his skill need no recommendation in this vicinity. The Harris spring sleigh receives a good endorsement and patronage from the best trade. Mr. Merrill is a life-long citizen and an honorable and successful business man of Littleton. He was formerly a merchant tailor and has represented the town in the General

Court. Harris & Co. is a strong and reliable firm, and their business is one of the important recent acquisitions of Littleton.

THE OPERA DRUG STORE

is one of the most popular of the business houses of Littleton. The handsome stock is displayed in the most artistic and convenient style, in fact the store is an object lesson of classification and arrangement. The stock comprises almost everything in the line of drugs, chemicals, specifics and proprietary medicines, a large line of druggists' sundries, confectionery, perfumes and cigars. Callers may always depend upon receiving prompt and polite attention, and upon articles proving just as represented in every instance. Charles F. Davis, the senior partner, is a native of Whitefield, and purchased this business a year ago. He has had a dozen years experience in the drug business in Whitefield and Plymouth, and is a registered pharmacist. Mr. Davis' wife was nee Hattie M. Brown of Whitefield. He is a member of St. Johns Lodge, No. 58 of Whitefield, and of North Star Commandery of Lancaster. Frederick E. Green, the junior member of the firm, first saw the light of day at Portland, Mich., 25 years ago. He received his education at the High school in that place after which he obtained a position with the Littleton druggists, Robinson Bros. He continued in their employ for four years, leaving there to complete his pharmaceutical studies at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. He received his diploma about a year ago and, previous to November, was engaged in Manchester and Boston drug stores. On the latter date he bought an interest in the drug store of C. F. Davis & Co., the new firm being known as Davis & Green. Mr. Green has a superior claim on Littleton from the fact that he married December 26, 1895, Lillian Edith, daughter of Dr. T. E. Sanger, by whom he has one child, Wayne Sanger. Their affable head clerk, William C. Spencer, is also experienced in the business, and prescriptions are accurately compounded.

The store has a long distance telephone and is connected with the offices of the leading physicians. A handsome soda fountain is well patronized in its season.

MARSHALL C. DODGE.

Situated on the Littleton road, just above the great steel bridge which spans the Connecticut river, stands a great square house and barns which, though in good repair, were built more than four-score years ago by Jonas Lewis as a stage tavern. In the old days many a stalwart Vermonter, his pung loaded with produce for Portland, put up for the night, toasted his shins before the ample fire-place, and sipped his mug of flip while jest and story went the rounds. Fred Cross, now a lusty veteran of 90, residing in Waterford, and, later, Horace Buck were landlords. The house has not been used as a tavern for about thirty years, and for the past sixteen years has been the home of Marshall C. Dodge and his father, Levi Dodge, until the death of the latter last year at the age of 75. Levi Dodge was widely known as a horse doctor, or veterinary. Simeon Dodge, the father of Levi, was an early settler. Levi was born in Littleton, and always lived here, except a few years in early life spent in Vermont. His two children were Marshall C. and Ellen C., deceased, who married Carlos P. Day. M. C. Dodge is an excellent representative of the frugal, honest, industrious, shrewd, yet liberal minded and open handed Yankee farmer. His farm contains about 150 acres, some of it excellent interval, and is conducted mainly as a dairy farm with ten good grade Jerseys. Three years ago Mr. Dodge introduced a Sharpless hand separator, which he has just replaced by one of the same make using steam power, which fills the bill perfectly as the butter shows. He has recently built a silo. Mr. Dodge is a Republican, but doing well his part in the ranks, has never aspired to the rewards of office. He is at present one of the school directors of the town. He was a charter member of the Grange, and a leading stock-

holder and a director in the creamery. He is also a stock-holder and clerk of the Littleton Bridge Co. His word is his bond, and his conduct is anchored to moral principle. He married Miss Martha A. King of Landaff. They have three daughters, Ellen M., Alice F., and Katie E. The two eldest are students at the High school, and all are exceptionally good scholars.

DR. W. C. E. NOBLES,

The youngest of the physicians of Littleton, has already won the good opinion of the people by his strict attention to business and his affable manners. Dr. Nobles received his earliest education in the High School of Rochester, N. Y. He resolved to prepare himself thoroughly for the medical profession, and accordingly entered the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery, the first university to allow ladies to enter its medical and dental departments on the same conditions as men. It also possesses the distinction of being the oldest Homeopathic college in the world with an unbroken history. For two years Dr. Nobles was connected with the gynecological and general surgical clinic of the above institution, which gave him an opportunity to become a competent and skillful operator, he being associated with the most brilliant physicians and surgeons of the west. He was for one season in charge of the Good Samaritan Dispensary at Cleveland, which afforded him excellent advantages, as about 20,000 prescriptions were issued through the season. Dr. Nobles has also had extensive obstetrical practice in a maternity hospital at Cleveland. He also spent one summer in practice in Rochester, N. Y. Last April, Dr. Nobles established himself in practice in his spacious apartments in Opera Block, and is able to promptly answer calls in person or by telephone. His office hours are from 10 to 12 a. m., 1 to 3 and 7 to 8 p. m., and during these hours he is always to be found in his office. With such a varied and careful preparation for work, united with a high and steady purpose, a useful career seems open to this young physician.

S. C. SAWYER, D. D. S.

There is no other calling or profession where the personal element counts more than in dentistry. The dentist should be not only expert, but a good judge of human nature, and above all, agreeable and sympathetic. Sawyer beguiles the patient's attention with such a flow of interesting chat, that he forgets the pain and the punching and is almost reluctant to leave the chair. S. C. Sawyer was born in Bethlehem in 1845, but as an infant came to Whitefield with the family of his father, W. H. Sawyer. He left home at the age of 17, and four years



later began the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. A. W. Howland of Lawrence, Mass. He soon after took a course of study in the Philadelphia Dental College, and settled in his profession at Lakeport, N. H., where he remained four years. He came to Littleton 25 years ago and has built up a large and successful practice. Dr. Sawyer keeps in touch with advanced ideas and the latest improvements in practice. He wholly discards the use of cocaine, using instead ouchozo which is approved by French and German scientists, and contains none of the poisonous ingredients of the former substance. Dr. Sawyer has prepared and placed upon the market "Sawyer's Golden Detergent and Magic Powder,"

a superior preparation for the preservation of the teeth and gums, entirely free from all injurious acids which is well received. Dr. Sawyer is a member of the State Dental Association; also of both the great fraternities. He is a deacon of the Congregational church and in politics a third party Prohibitionist, and has been the nominee of that party for both the Senate and House. He married in 1868, Lizzie J. Burns, a granddaughter of Maj. John Burns, an officer of the Revolution. They have two children, Fred Burns, a dentist of Lisbon, and Gertrude Prince.

E. K. PARKER, M. D.

Edwin K., son of Hollis M. and Sarah Bronson Parker, was born in Lyndon, Vt., in 1863. When he was ten years old the family moved to Littleton where he attended the Littleton High school. After leaving school he entered the Saranac glove factory where he became an expert workman. He spent several years in that employment in Littleton and Warner, N. H. He determined to adopt the medical profession and accordingly entered the office of Dr. T. E. Sanger. By the aid of his skill as a glove maker he worked his way through the medical school and graduated with honor from the New York Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital in 1888. He then settled in West Cornwall, Vt., where he worked up a flourishing practice and gained many devoted friends among his patients during the eight years he remained among them. While there he filled the position of postmaster, but after a post graduate course in New York he decided to return to Littleton and settled here in the summer of '96. Last June he married Ellen Ingeborg, daughter of Dr. T. E. Sanger. Amid the cherished surroundings of his early home, and with friends who appreciate his sterling qualities, Dr. Parker is winning a good position among the people of Littleton. He is a member of the Vermont Homeopathic Medical society, the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. His residence and office are No. 168 Main street.

WHITE MOUNTAIN REPUBLIC-JOURNAL.

HARRINGTON & CO.

Under the present system of order and delivery of goods, the grocery man is brought into close contact with all the people, and his success largely depends upon his personal qualities. That J. J. and T. W. Harrington have not mistaken their vocation is shown by the steadily increasing volume of their business during these hard times, and in the face of a close competition. They are natives of Loudon, N. H. Orphaned in childhood they became the architects of their own fortunes and cultivated a natural aptitude for mercantile life. James clerked seven years for a merchant in his native

who furnish them with a good supply of fresh butter, eggs, maple sugar and vegetables. Littleton has a hospitable welcome for such men as the Harrington's who win success by merit.

WOODRUFF BROS.

The scriptural injunction, man cannot live by bread alone, is a recognized fact as applied to material affairs. The man who daily supplies a choice and reasonable variety of meats at the doors, and at reasonable rates, is really a public benefactor. The city market is centrally located in Bellows Block, near Thayer's Hotel, and the samples in its show window are enough to

WARREN W. LOVEJOY.

The subject of this sketch is a scion of a formerly very numerous family in Littleton. His father, Jonathan F. Lovejoy, was a life-long resident of Littleton, and here reared a family of seven children. Three of the sons were gallant soldiers of the Union, Charles W. and Warren W., in the so-called First Rhode Island cavalry, and Ira W. in the 33d Massachusetts. Warren Lovejoy enlisted at the age of 17 and served steadily until in the battle of Rapidan Station, a spent shell blew off his right arm and a portion of his hip, inflicting almost mortal injuries. With an amputated arm and



HARRINGTON & CO.'S GROCERY STORE.

town, came to Littleton in September '94 and engaged in the grocery trade with H. D. Green in the old Southworth store. After a year and a half he bought his partner's interest and soon after formed the present firm. T. W. Harrington had the benefit of several years experience with the great Boston house of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa. Harrington & Co. occupy a large sales room in McCoy Block, and carry a good stock of general groceries, fruits, farm produce and provisions, which are sold at '97 prices. They run two daily delivery teams to all parts of the village and Apthorp. They conduct a large barter trade with the farmers,

tempt the appetite of an epicure. It is conducted by J. E. and D. L. Woodruff, who are natives of Burke, Vt. J. E. Woodruff has had 15 years experience in the meat business, mostly in the west, and started the business here two years ago. D. L. has travelled quite extensively in the south and came to Bethlehem two years ago, where he married a daughter of Landlord Rowe of the Central House. He opened a fish market, and a daily fish cart is run in the season which largely supplies the summer hotels. Woodruffs handle the best western beef, and their order and delivery wagons are daily visitors in the homes of Littleton.

mangled hip he lay three days in a tent almost unhealed for, and for four months his strong constitution fought with death, at close quarters, and finally conquered. He returned to the paternal farm where he has lived almost half a century, and where he attended the declining years of his aged parents. Four years ago he began selling milk from one cow, now he has 18 grade Jerseys. His little farm of 30 acres, with eight acres of mowing, cuts about 24 tons of hay. Mr. Lovejoy and his excellent wife, nee Emma E. Brooks, of this town, are highly esteemed in this community. He is a member and past commande

of the G. A. R., a member of the Congregational church and superintendent of the Sunday school, and withal a genial, true hearted gentleman.

A. A. ONTHANK

has recently moved a nice fresh stock of boots and shoes into Boylston block, Main street, and proposes to sell straight goods at close prices. He has been engaged in the manufacture and jobbing of boots and shoes for fifteen years, and of course is a keen connoisseur of foot gear, and well posted



in every feature of the business. Our people will find him a genial gentleman, and an obliging salesman. His claim upon the public is strictly one of business interest, and he will offer a clean stock with a large variety, at bed-rock prices. Mr. Onthank is a son-in-law of Solon Simonds, chief of police, and Mrs. Simonds will occupy one half of the store with her select stock of millinery and fancy goods.

CHISWICK LODGE, K. OF P.

This lodge was instituted in 1895 with 36 charter members, but has now about twice that number. Regular conventions are held every Tuesday night in their Castle Hall in Tilton Block. The officers of the lodge are: Harry F. Howe, C. C.; Arthur W. Gilbert, V. C.; L. J. Crane, prelate; A. J. Bedell, M. of A.; J. A. Fogg, M. of W.; E. B. Lynch, M. of E.; E. G. Ransome, M. of F.; L. J. Crane, K. of R. S.

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EDSON & BAILEY.

The old depot store is one of the prominent local landmarks which connect the past generation with the present. For more than sixty years this store has been a great center of general trade, a scene of bustling commercial activity. The main building was erected, and the business founded away back in 1836 by Col. Cyrus Eastman and Mr. Colby, and for nearly half a century the name of Eastman was at the head of this great house, through several changes in membership of the firm. In 1882 the firm became Edson, Bailey & Easton, and four years later Edson & Bailey. The stock is the most comprehensive of any in town and in many of its features is both wholesale and retail. It includes flour, grain, groceries, general hardware, blacksmiths' supplies, paints and oils, stoves, wooden and hollow ware, agricultural implements, salt, lime and cement. In 1891 a grist mill was put in, which, under the efficient management of A. V. Cutting, is a great convenience in the grain business. The demands of the business require the constant use of two delivery teams. The main building, 50 feet square, utilizes four stories, giving a floor space of over 10,000 feet. All heavy goods are ordered in car-load lots.

George A. Edson is a son of Samuel Alden Edson, many years a prominent business man of Littleton. Mr. Edson was born in Littleton 45 years ago, has always resided here, and is in every sense one of the solid men of the town. He began clerking for his father, later engaged in the boot and shoe trade, and in the meat business with J. S. Frye. For several years Mr. Edson has been town treasurer. He married Clara M. Longley of Massachusetts. James Henry Bailey was born in Littleton in 1844, but moved in early

childhood with his parents to Concord, Vt. He left home at 16, came to Littleton, and clerked for his uncle, William Bailey. Later he was engaged in the same capacity at Danville and Wells River, Vt., and Lebanon, and at Littleton, from 1874 to 1882 for C. & C. F. Eastman, when he became a member of the firm of Edson & Bailey. He married Mary M. Clough in 1881. Mr. Bailey has been called by his fellow townsmen to the positions of selectman and town treasurer, and is at present village treasurer and a di-



CATHOLIC CHURCH.

rector in the Savings and National banks. He has climbed the golden stairs of masonry, is a member of Burns Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter, Omega Council, St. Gerard Commandery and E. A. Raymond Consistory. The firm name, Edson & Bailey, is a synonym for business capacity and integrity.

MRS. T. E. PARKER.

There are several millinery establishments in Littleton, but no one of

them is better known than that of Mrs. Parker. The business is of long and honorable standing, was founded by Mrs. J. A. Stevens, but since 1889 has been conducted by Mrs. Parker. Her store is centrally located, has an area of about 1000 square feet, and contains a very attractive assortment of fine millinery and fancy goods, made up of a full selection of staple articles, as well as a tastefully chosen stock of the latest fashionable novelties. Mrs. Parker is a careful and experienced buyer, and her patrons are sure to obtain goods at as low a rate as can be named on articles of equal merit. The leading department of the business is that devoted to custom work, employment being given to three assistants during the season. Mrs. Parker gives particular attention to ladies' hair work, and is prepared to take orders for the same. She gives her careful, personal attention to all work, and is deservedly securing an excellent patronage. This is due very largely to a well grounded confidence in her taste, ability and fair dealing, attested by a long and extended experience. No effort is spared to keep in touch with the latest styles and best models in every department, and with what success is shown by the appreciation of a wide and select patronage.

J. D. CAMPBELL.

Mr. Campbell came to Littleton last April. He served a regular apprenticeship at the tailor's trade, has had over twenty years experience, much of the time in city trade, keeps in touch with the latest styles, and is prepared to guarantee satisfaction in workmanship and materials. The public is cordially invited to call and inspect his stock and work, in handsome quarters in Rounsel Block, under the REPUBLIC-JOURNAL office, Main street. No better service can be had in this section.

REMLY S. SIDELINGER

Was born in Rockland, Me., January 14, 1858, of German stock that landed in Waldoboro in 1743. He came to the Granite State in 1892 as editor of the Gorham Mountaineer. His life as craftsman, soldier, journalist, and



preacher would be interesting reading, but, with true modesty, he refrains from appearing before our readers as a hero. He is known here chiefly as proprietor of "Sidelinger's German Lotion." It is a wonderful article for the hair, scalp, skin, and complexion, discovered by his grandmother half a century ago. Many of Littleton's best known citizens join with him in saying that her discovery has been a boon to humanity, as it is found to be almost an indispensable toilet article, when one has once given it a trial.

F. E. & F. M. RICHARDSON.

It was with feelings of genuine pleasure that we strolled through the well appointed stable of the Richardson Brothers, and noted the many evi-

dences of good management and prosperity evinced by their neat and handsome carriages and harnesses, and stylish well groomed horses. They are natives of Concord, Vt., sons of Jacob Richardson, a highly respected citizen of that town. Fred E. married Leticia, and Frank M., Theda, daughters of Ira Lewis of Concord. F. M. Richardson, after a successful experience of one year as clerk in the Stewart house at Island Pond, and two years in the Littleton house, was for a year manager of the Littleton house. The present firm was formed in 1891 when they purchased their stable and also for two years conducted the Littleton house. During the past four years they have given their entire attention to the livery business with increasing success. They conduct one of the largest and best appointed livery stables in New England, employing 25 horses throughout the year, and 35 during the summer season. In carriages they are prepared to furnish anything from a six-in-hand tally-ho coach to a light single sulky. They have some very stylish hitch ups, including a pair of Rocky Mountain drivers. They have charge and furnish teams for the town



F. E. & F. M. RICHARDSON'S LIVERY STABLE.

hearse. They are perfectly familiar with all points of scenic and historic interest, and have recently engaged the services of M. A. Eaton, who is well known to the traveling public. They take boarders, and sell hay and

straw. They own a 160-acre farm in Concord. F. M. Richardson is one of the village commissioners and secretary and treasurer of the Littleton Driving Park Association, of which F. E. is a director.

L. E. BEDELL

Is a Jeffersonian by birth, a Littletonian by choice, and a liveryman by occupation. "He was not always thus." For many years Mr. Bedell perambulated the hills and valleys of northern New



L. E. BEDELL'S LIVERY STABLE.

Hampshire, in the employ of A. L. Bailey and others, gladdening the hearts and relieving the pocket books of the people, by the introduction of pianos and organs. Do you want a good livery team for pleasure or profit? Bedell will be pleased to furnish you a single or double rig, a three seated surrey, or a four or six-in-hand at reasonable rates. He has five well groomed spans in his stable on Jackson street, near the REPUBLIC-JOURNAL office.

J. B. KITCHEN.

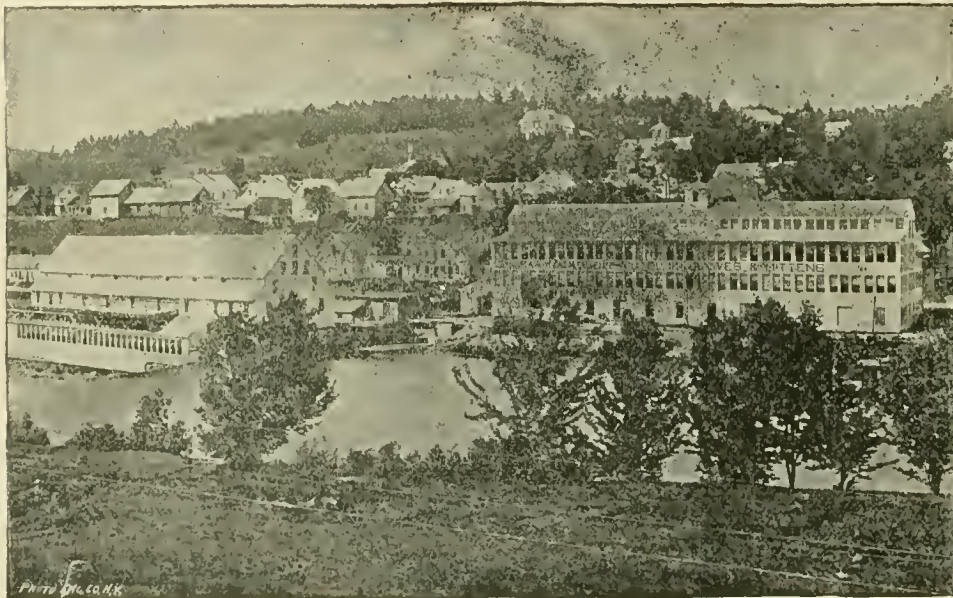
J. B. Kitchen has been nine years in the photograph business in Littleton, and his work speaks for itself and for him. He has had 22 years experience, and can furnish photographs of all styles and grades. He is located in Tilton Block, over the postoffice.

SARANAC BUCK GLOVE CO.

Buckskin gloves, an American product, have been extensively manufactured in several states, but the leading and representative firm now engaged in their production in this country is unquestionably the Saranac Buck Glove Co., of Littleton. It has grown in a few years from the most humble beginnings to its present ample dimensions, as the most important industry of the village, with an annual production of 50,000 dozen pairs of gloves. This unparalleled success has been achieved by the enterprise of the proprietors in the adoption of improved

glove far superior to all others in the requisites of pliability, durability and strength. They are impervious to water and will not stiffen by wetting. This company has the entire control of the right to manufacture by the patent process called Saranac, and their goods are shipped direct from the factory. They also make a glove by a somewhat different process that is heat resisting and is not affected by steam or hot irons, and is particularly adapted to the use of railroad men. H. H. Porter, a former employe, invented and patented a convenient glove fastener which is a "snap." Ira Parker has been the master spirit of this enterprise from its

came to this country 20 years ago. He commenced at the bottom of the ladder, and by industry and capacity worked his way up step by step, becoming so thoroughly master of every detail of the business that on the retirement last year of Ira Parker, the founder of this enterprise, from the active management and supervision, Mr. Langford was appointed by his special request. He is a representative English American, and emphatically a self-made man. He married Miss Blanche Libbey, daughter of H. C. Libbey. The location of this great industry on the Ammonoosuc, near the center of the village, is on the site of the large



SARANAC GLOVE WORKS.

methods, which have secured superior productions. By the new method of tanning, which preserves the excellent quality of the skins, a soft, pliable glove is produced which surpasses for durability any ever before made. In the old method of tanning, the grain was removed. The process adopted by this company has overcome the former difficulties, and bids fair to revolutionize all previous methods.

In 1866, Ira Parker, of Littleton, began experiments to test the adaptability of the Page process to the preparation of leather for gloves. His researches were rewarded with great success, and he was able to produce a

inception. He was the proprietor until 1875, when the firm of Ira Parker & Co. was formed which was succeeded in 1889 by the Saranac Glove Co., incorporated with a capital of \$125,000, with Ira Parker as general manager. The present officers are: president, H. C. Libbey, an extensive lumber dealer of Lisbon, N. H.; vice-president, Dr. T. E. Sanger; treasurer, Ira Parker; general manager, Robert Langford. The directors are the officers already named and Charles Parker, Lewis H. Parker, and George R. Armstrong, one of the salesmen. Robert C. Langford, the efficient general manager, is a native of England, but

woollen mills which burned in 1888. The present tannery was built the next year, and is 65 by 200 feet, three stories and a basement. The glove manufactory is 75 by 175 and three stories in height. The propelling powers of this great plant consist of a 210 horse-power engine of Cycloidal Atlas make, of a 135 horse-power water wheel for the tannery, and of a 40 horse-power wheel for running the stitching machines, also two 100 horse-power boilers.

The company has an electric light plant that supplies 700 lights, running two dynamos. It is highly interesting to enter the great tannery where 40

men are employed, observe the labyrinth of powerful machinery, and trace the successive processes by which crude hides are converted into elegant and durable gloves, but space forbids more than an outline. The skins are first put into vats containing water, and soaked until thoroughly soft when they are whirled in great revolving drums and still further softened before going into the lime vats. After tanning they are passed through a splitting machine, with a daily capacity of 1200 skins, which leaves them of uniform thickness. They are then smoothed on buffing wheels, colored by various chemicals and aniline dyes, and elevated to the drying rooms which are thoroughly equipped with steam pipes to facilitate the drying. The tanning and coloring process occupies from two to three weeks, and the principal of several ingredients used in tanning is gambier, an eastern product. They are staked or stretched when they reach the cutting room, then classified and cut by a working force of 40 men, using dies introduced about 1880. The stitching is largely performed by ladies. The stitching machines for making gloves were introduced in 1885. Formerly all of the cutting and stitching was done by hand. After making, the gloves are buttoned, laid off and treed on brass hands filled with steam. Each glove is carefully inspected by an expert to detect imperfections, when they are assorted and classified according to style, quality, and size, and packed in pasteboard boxes, which are manufactured by the company, and are ready for shipment direct to dealers. Fully three-fourths of the gloves are made of buck skin, many of which are lined with lamb skin of different styles which are obtained from Europe.

The plant is thoroughly equipped with every modern convenience. A well filled store house capable of holding 5000 skins is near the mill, to which annually come about two-thirds of all the deer skins produced in the West and North-west, besides many from other localities. Deer from India, otter from British America, lamb skins from Europe; thus the ends of the

earth are brought together to make Saranac gloves. The facilities of the company enable them to promptly fill all orders, some amounting to many thousand dollars. The entire output is handled by the jobbing trade. The importance of this great industry to the business interests of Littleton is seen in the wide reputation of the Saranac and steam proof goods, and can scarcely be over estimated.

RENFREW BROS.

Prominent among Littleton's bustling young business men are the Renfrew Brothers, dealers in men's and boys' clothing and furnishings, hats and caps. John S. and Irvin C. Renfrew, sons of John and Maria Harvey Renfrew, are natives of Caledonia county, Vt. The Renfrews



RENFREW BROS.' STORE.

were among the earliest of the staunch Scotch settlers of Ryegate, Vt. John S. took a course at the Troy Business college and then received two years of practical experience in the clothing store of Bellows & Son. He was then engaged for two years with a large clothing house in Boston, after which he was head clerk for Bellows & Son. I. C. Renfrew attended Peacham Academy under Hon. C. A. Bunker, and at the age of 17 opened a job printing office and stationery store at South Ryegate, which he conducted successfully for five years. He then recuperated his somewhat impaired health by service as porter at the Oak Hill house. Renfrew Bros. engaged in the clothing business in September, 1890, at first, and for five years, in the Smillie block.

In 1895 they located in their present spacious quarters in the Bugbee block. Their business has steadily increased and their stock has doubled till it is now one of the largest and best in northern New Hampshire. They have adopted the policy of closing out all unsalable goods each year at prices that command a sale. John S. married Luella, daughter of Levi Barnard of Lunenburg, and Irvin C. married Hattie J., daughter of Henry G. Rollins of Newbury. Both families are blessed with two daughters and a son.

BENJ. F. PAGE, M. D.

The subject of this sketch is a Littletonian by birth, and later a resident and practitioner, but his boyhood and school days were spent in Burke, Vt. His father was Benj. Page, and Hon. S. B. Page, of Woodsville, is an elder brother. Dr. Page completed his academic training at Newbury Seminary, then in its palmy days. He began reading medicine in the office of Dr. H. L. Watson, then of Newbury, and continued his reading with Dr. Charles H. Boynton, of Lisbon, whom he also assisted in practice. Dr. Page enjoyed the wholesome experience of teaching, which also contributed largely to his educational expenses. He pursued three courses of medical study at U. V. M., from which he graduated in 1867 at the age of 24. He married Caroline, daughter of John, and sister of Maj. Evarts Farr, and settled in practice in Lisbon for about five years. He then moved to East St. Johnsbury where he practiced nine years, building up quite an extensive clientage some of which he still retains. Since 1881 he has practiced and resided in Littleton. Dr. Page is a member of the White Mountain Medical Society, and also of Burns Lodge, F. & A. M. He has two children living, Dr. John M. Page of this town, and Elizabeth C. Page, a student at Mount Holyoke Seminary.

DR. JOHN M. PAGE.

John M. Page was born in Lisbon in 1871. He is a son of Dr. B. F., and Caroline Farr Page of this town, and

his later school days were spent in the Littleton High school from which he graduated with credit. He began reading medicine with his father, and prosecuted his studies at the medical department of U. V. M. with such ability that at his graduation in 1893, he won an honorary degree as making one of the five best records of scholarship of his class. He naturally chose his native town as the scene of his professional labors. His office is in the Robinson block. Dr. Page is only on the threshold of his career, but with an excellent heredity, a buoyant temperament and thorough scholarship we predict for him a successful career. He is a member of the White Mountain Medical Society and of Burns Lodge F. & A. M.

G. H. MERRILL

Is a good representative of the ingenious, industrious Yankee mechanic. He was born in Landaff, N. H., 48 years ago, and his early life was spent in that town. He married a daughter of J. F. Morse of Easton, and in company with his father-in-law erected a steam saw mill and operated it several years. Some 20 years ago he came to Littleton and for several years conducted a machine and repair shop. When the Saranac Glove company introduced their machinery, Mr. Merrill's services were secured for taking charge of the machinery, and the instruction of new hands in its operation, where his services were acceptably retained some dozen years. In 1893 he started his present business of general machine and repair shop for light work, near Opera Block, Main street. He does almost everything in this line but his specialty is the repair of bicycles, sewing machines, guns and revolvers. Naturally ingenious, he is well known

as a thoroughly reliable and skillful workman, and his line of business is a great convenience to the wheelmen of



this section. He carries a full line of bicycle supplies, thus being able to repair wheels at short notice and saving the expense of sending them away. His only child, Harry A., is the efficient book-keeper for Parker Bros. & Co.

just completed at a cost of \$32,000. The proprietor is a Hollander by descent, a native of So. Framingham, Mass., and about 30 years of age. He was born and bred a gardener. After leaving the high school of his native city he went to Holland, and graduated in 1889 from the agricultural college. He returned to Massachusetts and engaged in the gardening and greenhouse business with his father until in 1895 he came to Littleton and took charge of the greenhouses of Ira Parker for one year, and then bought the G. W. Richardson homestead and has here erected his two greenhouses, each 20 by 100 feet. His specialties are cucumbers, asparagus, celery and tomatoes. He has just commenced to sell his cucumbers, which are sent direct and by express to the jobbing trade. He personally supervises the packing and guarantees safe delivery. It is an interesting sight, in this sub-arctic winter, to see those luxuriant plants, bending with their ripening fruitage, ready to supply the epicurean tables of the great cities.

E. FLINT, JEWELER.

Mr. Flint is today the senior merchant of the town of Littleton who has been continuously in the same business. He is a native of Massachusetts, born in 1845, and commenced learning the watch-maker's trade at the age of seventeen. In 1870 he located in business in Littleton, beginning with a small stock but adding new features from time to time as his trade and capital increased, until he has now established a substantial business. In 1882 he entered his



A. A. VOORNEVELD'S GREENHOUSES.

A. A. VOORNEVELD.

The most recent, and certainly a most valuable enterprise in Littleton, the greenhouse of A. A. Voorneveld, is

present handsome and spacious quarters in the then newly erected Tilton Opera Block. Mr. Flint's extensive stock of watches, jewelry and silver

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ware is very tastefully and conveniently displayed in elegant cases. He also carries a good line of camera goods, pocket cutlery and optical supplies, having suitable arrangements for testing eyesight, guns, ammunition and sportsmen's supplies. The range of articles in each line is from the plainest to the



more elaborate and elegant with corresponding prices to suit the times. Mr. Flint has a costly regulator and his store is the place to ascertain the standard time. The repair of watches and clocks is promptly attended to with Mr. F. M. Bunker as a skillful assistant. Mr. Flint's long and successful experience has made him especially familiar with the public taste and the requirements of trade, and the public have learned to rely implicitly on his judgment and integrity. He is identified with both of the great fraternities and is the Chief Patriarch of Littleton Encampment, I. O. O. F.

FITZGERALD & BURNHAM.

Al Fitzgerald is a native and lifelong resident of Littleton, and for 45 years has followed the same business at his present stand, and is without doubt the senior continuous business man in the village. When a young man of 23 he bought the sash and blind factory of Kimball & Wallace, and was in company with L. T. Dow 22 years. They did a very extensive business,

employing nearly 20 hands, and furnished the doors, sash and blinds for the White Mountain hotels. The mill was burned in '62, but the present building, 40 by 55, was soon erected. H. B. Burnham became a partner in 1881. They manufacture and deal in doors, sash, blinds, and window frames, and make to order mouldings, brackets, eave spouts, hard wood flooring and sheathing, and do planing, matching, and scroll sawing. They keep on hand a stock of stair newels, banisters and stair rails. H. B. Burnham is a native of Littleton, a carpenter and joiner by trade, and served three years in the Civil War in the 13th New Hampshire regiment.

JAMES H. SMALLEY

is one of the live progressive merchants of Littleton, and his store is headquarters in this section for everything in the line of straps and buckles, and horse and carriage furnishings. He has for sale the finest lot of strictly first class hand-made driving harnesses we have seen for many a day. He also has a cheaper grade of sale harnesses and an extensive stock of trunks and valises which he is prepared to exchange for silver certificates, or gilt edge promissory notes on short time. He conducts a harness shop assisted by



his son, Edwin B., and a couple of good workmen, and is prepared to do new work or repairing in prompt,

workmanlike manner, and at call again prices. James H. Smalley was born in Lebanon in 1838, where he attended school and learned the harness business. He is a railroader from way back. He rode the locomotive up to Wells River and for two years did the switching in the yard. In the days of the old White Mountain railroad he was a fireman for Ike Sanborn on the Mountain Maid and other machines of blessed memory. Later he was in the harness business with Trueman Stevens. In the season of mountain travel Smalley was many years the dauntless admiral of the fleet on Echo Lake. During the past dozen years he has given exclusive attention to the harness business. He has enlarged his block on Main street to the three-story altitude, and is all ready for the boom which is sure to come. Mr. Smalley works and deals upon the square.

LANE & BAILEY.

Centrally and conspicuously located in Opera Block is the Opera Clothing Company, conducted by Lane & Bailey. This business was founded in 1881 by G. E. Lane, a brother of the partner, who sold to the present proprietors in 1890. They carry a heavy stock of men's clothing, furnishings, hats and caps. Both partners are keen connoisseurs of clothing, reliable dealers and accomplished salesmen. Lane & Bailey are to be reckoned with by competitors as well as customers.

Charles M. Lane was born and bred on a strong and stony Lunenburg farm, where he learned the value of time and money, but concluded that he could better employ his time and earn his money, and fulfill his mission of doing good, elsewhere. Accordingly he went to Lancaster and clerked in a large clothing house from 1879 until the formation of this firm.

E. C. Bailey was born in Newbury, Vt., in 1862, a son of E. F. Bailey, and was reared upon a farm. His great, great grandfather was General Jacob Bailey, the original proprietor of the town, and the bright particular star in Newbury's galaxy of Revolutionary heroes. His son, Col. John Bailey,

was a distinguished officer of the Green Mountain Boys, and the family contributed largely to the patriotic cause. E. C. Bailey does not bank on ancestry, but on clothing, and stands squarely about 200 pounds on his own shoe leather. He also sought employment in Lancaster, at first in telegraphy, but later and for seven years with the great firm of Kent & Son.

Messrs. Lane & Bailey are too well known to the business public of Littleton and vicinity to need any special recommendations. Their motto is: "Square dealing and fair prices," and they live up to it, too.

F. A. WATSON & CO.

Littleton has long been known as an advantageous purchasing center, and the town is now rapidly increasing its reputation in this respect, for at present new and standard goods can be bought here cheaper than ever before. None of the recently added enterprises in town is more worthy of praise and support than F. A. Watson & Co., and we are pleased to say that they are getting both. They occupy spacious and newly finished quarters in Parker Block, next door to Thayer's Hotel. They carry a choice and fresh stock of standard and fancy groceries, fruits, tobacco, canned goods and confectionery, and their store is as neat and tidy as a lady's parlor. Both Mr. Watson and his partner, Mr. Ide, are live men, and devote themselves closely to business. Their efficient clerk is Mr. E. E. Burnham.

F. A. Watson is a native of Littleton and is a son-in-law of Mr. Ide. Joseph Ide was a well-known tanner and citizen of Waterford, and the Ides are an extensive and very prominent family of northern Vermont.

H. A. JACKMAN.

The people of Littleton can have no cause for complaint in the service of their meats, for the two markets are in the hands of hustling young men. H. A. Jackman is a native of Bath, but has been a resident of Littleton most of the time for the past fifteen years. He has had six or eight years experi-

ence in the meat business, and understands it to the tenth decimal point. He started his present market last January, in Opera Block, and is doing a lively business on the basis of large sales, quick returns, and small profits. He handles both native and western beef, and every variety of meat usually found in a first-class market. He is prepared to cater successfully to all kinds of trade, and is in a position to fill all orders at short notice, and at the lowest market rates. His cart makes the daily circuit of Littleton and Apthorp, under the able care of L. F. Bean.

WILLIAM J. BEATTIE, M. D.

The subject of this sketch was born in Ryegate, Vt., in 1864, a son of Rev. James M., and Margaret Nelson Beattie. He is of thorough bred Scotch lineage, and inherits the powerful physique, moral fibre, and inflexible perseverance of the race. His father, though born in Newburgh, N. Y., received his theological training at Edinburgh University. He became a prominent theologian of the Covenantes faith, and enjoyed in Ryegate a continuous pastorate of more than 10 years. He was also intimately identified with the educational interests of his section as a trustee of Peacham Academy and as town superintendent of the schools of Ryegate for many years. William J. Beattie is one of a family of six children, of whom a brother, Wilson, and a sister survive, and with them at Ryegate resides his mother. William J. was educated at Peacham and St. Johnsbury Academies. He commenced reading medicine in 1884, while attending the Academy, in the office of Dr. Newell, of St. Johnsbury. The next year he entered Bellevue Medical Hospital College, of New York, from which he graduated in 1889, meanwhile serving one year in the hospital by appointment. He came to Littleton in April, 1890, soon married Elizabeth R., daughter of the late Dr. C. M. Tuttle, and has since pursued his profession here with great energy and success. His office is in his handsome residence next to the Congregational

church. He has made a specialty of surgery. He has been health officer of the town and is a member of the K. of P. and of Burns Lodge, F. & A. M., and readily adapts himself to all classes.

FRANK I. PARKER.

In this age of unrest and dismemberment, it is rare to find a family whose successive generations have enjoyed the solid advantages of a permanent home. Frank I. Parker is the best, if not the only representative in town of that idea. His great grandfather, Jonathan Parker, came to Littleton in 1802, from Wethersfield, Conn., and settled on the fine Ammonoosuc valley farm, which has since been the home of four generations of his descendants. Isaac, the son of the

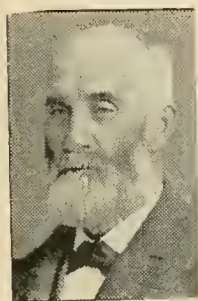


pioneer, Luther Adams the grandson, and Frank I., the present enterprising owner of the homestead and his children have here found a home. Isaac married Anna, daughter of Elkanah Hoskins, a Revolutionary soldier. Luther A. married Lydia W. Chamberlain, and their two children are Frank I. and Ann Elizabeth, Mrs. Frank Shepard. Frank I. was born in 1850, and married Susan E. Jones and after her death Harriett C. Orr, by whom he has two children, Albert L. and Susie May. Mr. Parker is one of the leading farmers of Littleton, and conducts a large milk ranch with about 35 cows. He has a fine sugar orchard of 1100

trees, and puts up a first-class article of maple honey, which retails well in the village. His farm of 300 acres, with a 100 acre back lot, is located one mile from the village, and contains some 75 acres of the best meadow land in town, lying on both sides of the river. Grass is king although several acres are usually in corn. The farm buildings are commodious and pleasantly located. Mr. Parker is on the alert for improvements and keeps things moving on the old homestead. He is a Congregationalist, and a Republican in politics. Mr. Parker has avoided rather than sought public office, but has served as supervisor and is one of the town's representatives to the General Court.

THE FARR FAMILY.

For nearly a century the name of Farr has been familiar and prominent in the annals of Littleton. John Farr was a son of Noah, one of the half-dozen brothers who came to Littleton early in the century from Chesterfield, N. H. He was five years deputy sheriff, where he obtained some knowledge of legal forms, and late in life read law, and practiced with Charles W. Rand, with William J. Bellows, and, later, alone. He united good legal judgment



GEORGE FARR.

with sterling integrity, and administered on many estates. He was the first president of the Littleton National Bank, a position which he held for many years. He reared a family of seven children, gave them all good educations, and died in 1892 at the mature age of 82 years. Of the four sons, two are living: John, now of Orlando, Fla., and Charles A., a former merchant of Littleton.

George Farr enlisted and was made captain of Co. D., 13th New Hampshire Volunteers, and was severely wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor. He returned to Littleton after nearly three years service, and for 21 years was connected with the Oak Hill

House, where he died suddenly in 1895. In 1886, Capt. Farr was commander of the Department of New Hampshire, G. A. R.

Maj. Evarts W. Farr was born in 1840. He was educated at the Thetford Academy. At the age of 20 he enlisted, the first volunteer from Littleton, and was elected lieutenant and then captain of his company, and lost an arm at Williamsburg. He was later commissioned major in the 11th New Hampshire Volunteers. After three years gallant service he returned to Littleton, where he won a high standing in the legal profession, served as county solicitor, as assessor of internal revenue, and in the governor's council, was elected to the 46th congress and re-elected from the third district, but his brilliant career was terminated by his early death at the age of forty.

Charles A. Farr, the youngest son, was born in 1848, and was educated at Kimball Union Academy. He clerked several years in this vicinity, and was in trade in Littleton, either by himself or with partners, for more than a score of years until 1893. He is now representing the National Life Insurance Co., of Montpelier, Vt., and the Manufacturers' and Merchants' and German Fire Insurance companies, of Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Farr is a genial and obliging gentleman, and a loyal son of Littleton.



CHAS. A. FARR.

REV. J. B. MERRILL

was born at Atkinson, N. H., in 1846. Naturally ingenious, he picked up in his boyhood a working knowledge of the carpenter's trade, which he used as a stepping stone to higher efforts. He fitted for college at Atkinson Academy, and later took lessons from a Harvard tutor, and attended a summer school at Hebron under Prof. W. R. Harper, of Chicago. He began his work in the Master's vineyard at the age of 19 in the lowly fields of mission work in Boston. He was ordained in May

1869 and made his first settlement at a mission which he had organized at South Kingston. After preaching two years each at Candia, and Newfield, he went to Old Orchard to recuperate his wife's health, and there carried on gospel work for three and a half years in his own charge, meanwhile serving as postmaster and conducting a printing business. Two flourishing churches have been formed from this field. Mr.



Merrill was then engaged in evangelistic work in Maine, and filled pastorates at Hampton and Epsom, N. H. Coming to Littleton in 1891, he found a fruitful field for his active energies. He raised money to repair the church, took charge of the work, raised the structure one story and put in a good vestry with good steam heat and refurnished the audience room. Rev. Mr. Merrill married Salzena Merrill, of Methuen, Mass., who passed away last January, leaving two daughters, Agnes and Addie.

THE LITTLETON COURIER

was founded in 1889 by Phineas R. Gould and W. F. Andrus. It is largely devoted to local interests, is mildly Democratic in its political creed, and in connection with cheap clubbing rates has attained a circulation of about 2000. Mr. Gould is a native of the town, an old time printer, and a very familiar figure about the streets. He is a son of Marquis L. Gould and was born in 1842. He learned the printers'

trade of John R. Redding in the office of the old Haverhill Republican, and subsequently worked as a journeyman at Lebanon, Littleton, Newport, and at Lynn, Mass. Since 1864 he has resided continuously in this town, and was 23 years connected with the post-office either as clerk or postmaster, having held the latter office 18 years. He became a resident of Littleton in 1862 and in '67 married Selvia Danforth of Lisbon. In 1881, in company with B. F. Robinson, Mr. Goold established the Littleton Journal as a Republican newspaper. It was located in the post office building where Mr. Goold had already established a job printing business. Mr. Goold has had a very busy career and enjoys a very wide personal acquaintance in this section.

SOLON L. SIMONDS, POLICEMAN.

The subject of this sketch, by birth and long residence, belongs to Littleton, but his youth, early manhood and military service are identified with Vermont. He was born in 1842. In December, 1861, he enlisted in the 8th Vermont Infantry, Col. Stephen Thomas, and was with that gallant regiment during Butler's Louisiana campaign and Bank's Red River expedition, and was with Sheridan during the famous Shenandoah campaign, being promoted through every grade to orderly sergeant, and at Cedar Creek was in charge of an advanced picket line, which he brought back by a wide detour, when almost surrounded. After a re-enlistment, Sergeant Simonds was honorably discharged after nearly four years' service. He then bought a farm and hotel at Lunenburg in company with his half brother, Lieut. George A. Hill. In 1869 he conducted a sash and blind business at Lisbon seven years, and the same business three years at Lancaster. After a tour of observation of about six months at Leadville and the Black Hills, Mr. Simonds came to Littleton in October, 1879, and engaged as a packer and shipping clerk with Ira Parker in the glove factory. His faithful services were retained in this capacity about 17

years. He had meanwhile been in the police force at Lisbon, Lancaster, and Littleton, and last April was engaged as chief of police of Littleton, and janitor of the Town building, having the sole care of public property to the value of about \$40,000. During his police experience of about 16 years he never received a blow, and never but once gave one with his club, yet never lost an arrested man. Mr. Simonds has passed all of the stations and chairs of Burns Lodge and attended 126 consecutive meetings always on time. He is also a member of St. Gerard Commandery. In politics he is a Republican. He has one daughter, Mrs. J. L.



Onthank, by a first marriage. In 1888 he married Mrs. Mary E. Hutchinson. Mrs. Simonds keeps a choice and well selected stock of millinery and fancy goods in the Boylston block, and is recognized as an experienced and artistic trimmer.

SIMPSON'S VARIETY STORE

is a domestic exposition. Here the thrifty housewife can find any of the thousand and one articles of convenience and necessity, that save time and temper, and at prices that compel another call. Simpson keeps almost everything from a paper of pins to an elegant china set. He has recently returned from Boston with a full assort-

ment of household goods, and Christmas specialties, which will soon gladden many a home. He has had the aid of his predecessor, Mr. C. J. Willey, in the purchase of the goods, which are mostly obtained at wholesale jobbers prices, and will be sold accordingly. In the store he is ably assisted by Mrs. Carpenter, who is very familiar with the trade. In so extensive and multifarious a stock it is impossible to particularize, but we will call special attention to the five and ten-cent counters, and to the handsome stock of plain, fancy, and antique china. This is headquarters for Santa Claus. Mr. Simpson is widely and favorably known to the traveling public as the former popular station agent at Scott's. He is a native of West Rumney, N. H., where he learned telegraphy in his father's store at ten years of age. At the age of 14 he became station agent at West Rumney, the youngest station agent in New England. He was in the employ of the railroad companies 16 years in that capacity, and during that time for five different corporations. Mr. Simpson bought his present stock of goods last April, and the Littleton public have learned to appreciate his prompt, genial, business like qualities.

WHITE MOUNTAIN PHARMACY.

This institution is the oldest drug store in town, founded away back in 1831 by Mr. Hodgman. It has always occupied a prominent place, was successfully conducted many years by Robinson Brothers, and is fully maintaining its prestige and efficiency under the skillful management of the present proprietor, Mr. H. E. Kenney. It is centrally located near the great hotels, and the residences of the leading physicians, with whose offices it was the first, and for a long time the only drug store to be connected by telephone. It is also the telephone exchange of the village. The premises, 25 by 125 feet, are handsomely fitted up, and well stocked with a full line of standard goods, which includes pure drugs and chemicals, proprietary medicines, candies, confectionery, cigars, toilet articles and fancy goods, with

an especially fine stock of perfumes. The White Mountain Headache cure and White Mountain Cough Cure, both compounded exclusively at this pharmacy, are proving their merits. Mr. Kenney is a native of Littleton, son of L. C. Kenney and grandson of Gen. E. O. Kenney. His mother was Martha D., daughter of Col. Cyrus Eastman. Mr. Kenney was born in 1868, and is a graduate of the Littleton High School, and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. In 1885 he entered the drug store of F. B. Hatch & Co. as a clerk, where he remained four years, and later was in a drug store in Taunton, Mass., two years. Mr. Kenney is a registered pharmacist, both in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He has an excellent social standing and is a member of St. Gerard Commandery and is also a 32d degree Mason. He has recently completed a beautiful residence on Pleasant street that commands an expansive view of the White Mountains. He married in 1895, Lizzie, daughter of R. W. Bailey of Lancaster.

WELLS & BINGHAM.

FUNERAL UNDERTAKERS.

One of the oldest and most widely and favorably known establishments in this region is that of Wells & Bingham. Devoting themselves exclusively to their undertaking business they have equipped their establishment with a fine funeral car and undertaker's wagon and every convenience pertaining to their work. They strive to conduct all occasions placed under their charge in a gentlemanly and professional manner. Capt. B. F. Wells is a native of Sugar Hill, Lisbon, but for 25 years has been a resident of Littleton. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. H., 8th N. H. Regt., as a first lieutenant, and was promoted to captain. The regiment first saw active service under Gen. B. F. Butler in the Louisiana campaign, where, at George's Landing, Capt. Wells was wounded. He re-enlisted in the 1st N. H. heavy artillery, and was for a time stationed in the defenses at Washington, where he was again promoted to be captain, and with his

company did valiant service in repelling Early's raid upon the Capital. He was honorably discharged with his regiment in September, 1865, and returning to Lisbon engaged in the carriage business until 1873, when he moved to Littleton. For 30 years he has made undertaking a specialty. When modern embalming was first introduced Capt. Wells perfected himself in the art, which he has since successfully practiced. He married Harriett S. Parker of Lisbon, and after her death, Ellen M. McKean. He has an excellent standing in every relation of life. He is a member of Marshall Sanders Post, G. A. R., and is treasurer of St. Gerard Commandery, K. T. In 1891 Capt. Wells took as a partner Mr. Charles F. Bingham.



Mr. Bingham is a native of Michigan and came to Littleton in 1879 at the age of 21 years. He was engaged in newspaper work in Michigan and also on the White Mountain Republic with Mr. G. C. Furber. Realizing that the undertaking business in the future would demand much more of its operators and conductors than in the past he immediately began to fit himself for the general duties of this calling. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Embalming and has had experience with some of the best embalmers of Boston. Mr. Bingham's kindly nature and genial personality eminently

fit him for this profession. He not only stands well among his associates but ranks high in Masonic relations, being for two years Master of Burns Lodge, F. & A. M., was D. D. G. M. of this Masonic jurisdiction, and is the present Eminent Commander of St. Gerard Commandery. He married, in 1884, Miss Hattie M. Quimby of Whitefield, an accomplished musician and instructor.

C. F. NUTTING.

This great dry goods house is a mercantile exposition. It occupies commodious and elegant quarters in Union Block with about 6000 feet of floor space, and carries a \$20,000 stock; in fact, one of the finest and most varied outside of the large cities, and six clerks are kept actively at work. The stock bears evidence of careful selection, is exceptionally desirable and comprehensive, and "clean," in the trade sense, being almost absolutely free from old style or unpopular goods of any kind. Mr. Nutting buys in large quantities, in connection with his brother, an extensive merchant at Brandon, Vt., securing practically jobbers' prices, and offers his goods to his customers as low as an equal quality can be obtained anywhere in New England. He calls special attention to his varied and handsome stock of carpets, draperies, rugs and mattings, which are shown on the second floor. The stock of dry goods, dress goods and ladies' garments on the first floor is too extensive for enumeration, and must be seen to be appreciated.

Mr. Nutting was born at Bakersfield, and educated at the Bakersfield Academy. He enjoyed a valuable experience of seven years in the large mercantile house of E. A. Thomas, at West Randolph, Vt., and was two years with his brother, W. D. Nutting, at Brandon, Vt. He married Miss Flora Newton, of Randolph, and Littleton became their home in January, 1889. Mrs. Nutting for several years assisted in the store after his purchase from Dow Brothers.

He has more than doubled the volume of his trade, which is now one of

the largest in the state, in the face of a close competition. Extending his thanks to the public for this liberal patronage, he will strive earnestly to deserve and receive a continuance of the same.

W. W. BROWN,

Optician and Jeweler. The "down easters" have a national reputation as early starters and good stayers, and Mr. Brown is an excellent type of his class. He was born in Bremen, Me., in 1859. His grandfather and all his uncles were seamen, and the dream of his childhood was "a life on the ocean wave," but a terrible experience during a three days terrific gale, which strewed the coast with wrecks and in which his good ship barely weathered, determined young Brown to be a landsman. At the age of 14 he left home and went to Massachusetts to challenge fortune. Alone and unaided, he took the first chance that offered, learned the trade of rattan-maker and followed it most of the time for ten years, becoming a stockholder and director in a corporation. Meanwhile, at the age of 18, he began to employ spare time in learning the watch-maker's trade, which better suited his mechanical taste. Some 14 years ago he determined to make this his life work, and for the past dozen years has been engaged in this work in the principal factories of New England, and thoroughly familiarized himself with every detail and feature of watch-making. He was employed several years as inspector at the Waltham watch factory. He attended all the optical schools in Waltham, and received private instruction from a distinguished professor of ophthalmics in that city, and for the past three years he has taught that branch at Waltham, done work for the trade, and conducted optical work. Owing to ill health there, Mr. Brown sought a change of climate, and commenced in Littleton last April in the Hodgman store with a small but well-selected stock of watches and jewelry. His specialties are optical work and fine repairing of watches, and he enjoys an excellent and deserved patronage.

GEORGE C. FURBER.

The editor of the country newspaper, while commenting on the actions of others, is himself also amenable to criticism. Mr. Furber will pass from under this ban as unscathed as any one who has so long been in the editorial harness. He was born in Woodstock, Vt., in 1847, and was educated in Canadian Union Academy and Eastman's Business College. From 1870 to 1874 he was one of the editors of the Alleghen County (Mich.) Democrat. In 1874 he came to Littleton as editor of the White Mountain Republic, and two years later married Hattie D., daughter of Gen. G. P. Meserve. When Mr.



Furber took charge of the paper its list was not more than 800, but during the next sixteen years it was quadrupled. The Republic was conservatively Democratic, but took high ground in favor of temperance and moral reform. In 1890 it was merged with the Journal under its present style of REPUBLIC-JOURNAL. In 1891 Mr. Furber, by reason of impaired health, sold the paper to Willis H. Colby, but the next year became business manager of the Concord People and Patriot. For a dozen years or more he did valuable service as recording and corresponding secretary of the Littleton Musical Association. Since 1894 he has been an active member of the board of education of Union School District. His

principal work since 1893 has been the collection and compilation of facts for the forthcoming town history.

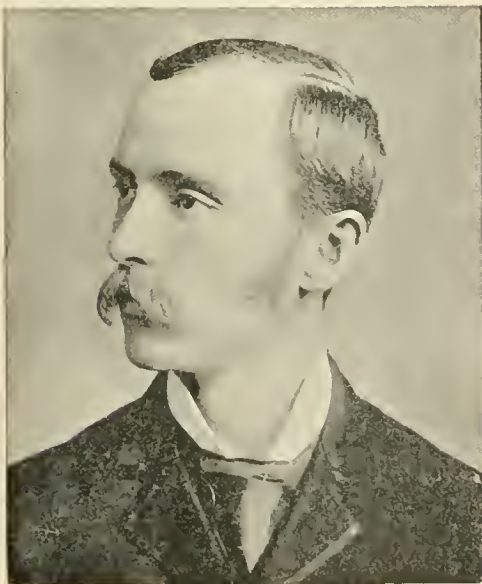
NOAH FARR.

In the heart of the Ammonoosuc valley, one mile below Littleton, is the residence of Noah Farr. It was on this farm that the first settlement was made within the town limits, elsewhere described. Mr. Farr was born on Farr Hill, Littleton, in 1836, a son of Gilman and Philena Allen Farr. When 18 years old, he moved with his father's family to this farm, which has since been his home. He worked with his father until 30 years of age, and then, in company with his brother-in-law, purchased the farm. Two years later he bought out this interest, and has since been sole proprietor of this handsome 225-acre farm, of which 50 acres is mowing and tillage, most of this being Ammonoosuc meadow of great fertility. Dairying is Mr. Farr's specialty. He was for a time engaged in retailing milk in the village, when he kept as many as 30 cows. At present he is selling cream to the White Mountain Creamery, and has reduced his number of cows. He also has a number of fine horses. For the past few years he has had a number of summer boarders, for which his handsome home is nicely equipped. He has a new barn 47 by 90 feet, with entire cellar. House, stable and basement are all supplied with pure running water. There is also a shop which probably contains the best equipment of mechanical tools possessed by any farmer in the state, and in which Mr. Farr spends much time both pleasantly and profitably. This is one of the best sets of farm buildings in the country. Mr. Farr is an admirer of Holstein stock, and was the first to introduce this favorite milk producing breed into Littleton, and by the purchase of a fine blooded bull has greatly improved the stock of the neighborhood. He married first Mary B. Griggs, of this town, and after her death was united to Sarah, daughter of Jedediah Farmer, of Bethlehem. They have two sons, Arthur N., of West Milan, and Albert L., living at home. Mr. Farr is a man

of great industry and practical good sense. He has for many years been identified with the Grange, as treasurer of both local and state bodies. He has also been treasurer of the town school district. He is a Republican, and in religious faith a Congregationalist.

M. D. COBLEIGH

Comes of good, staunch Littleton stock. His father was Ashbell W. and his grandfather, for whom he was named, was Marshall D. Cobleigh, a well-known former merchant and deputy sheriff of this town. His mother was Hannah, mother of Rev. Hugh Montgomery, a staunch temperance worker and preacher. A farmer bred boy, Mr. Cobleigh soon decided that he could best fulfill his mission of doing good by re-producing the human face divine. Accordingly, in 1888 he commenced work in the studio of George H. Aldrich, and at his death purchased and has since conducted the business. Mr. Cobleigh is on the alert to appropriate and use for his patrons all of the latest improvements in art. He is an accommodating gentleman, and mixes a due proportion of the milk of human kind-



ness with his chemicals, and usually secures a comfortable and pleasant look on the faces of his victims. Mr. Cobleigh has built up a thriving business, and his collection evinces good workmanship. He makes a specialty of carbonette photographs. He has

taken an active interest in public affairs, especially in temperance work. He has been chairman of the board of supervisors since 1894, and is in politics a Republican.

CLOUGH BROTHERS.

Clough Brothers conduct the Cohas-hauke Cafe, furnishing warm meals at all hours. In the room under their salesroom is the bakery where the bread, pastry, and a thousand and one goodies are made "just like mother used to cook." They employ a skilled cook, make home-made candies in the winter and cater to balls and parties at all times. They also keep canned goods and light groceries, and as their room is open later than the others this is a real convenience to the public. They strive to lighten the burdens of housewives in warm weather, and supply daily about 180 loaves of bread. Both Charles C. and Frank L. Clough have been connected in the past with the REPUBLIC-JOURNAL, and formerly conducted the job department of that establishment. They have been in the bakery business since July, 1895.

Mrs. F. L. Clough conducts a millinery business in the Snowden Building. She has had five years experience and is securing her share of patronage by her good taste and close attention to business.

HON. EDGAR ALDRICH.

The bar of Littleton has been notable for nearly half a century, and one of its ablest exponents is Judge Edgar Aldrich. He is a native of Pittsburg, born in 1848, the son of Ephraim C. and Adeline Haynes Aldrich. His academic training was obtained at Colebrook Academy. He entered upon the study of law with Ira A. Ramsey of that town, and graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan and was admitted to the bar at Colebrook at the August term, 1868. He remained there in practice until 1881, when he located at Littleton, where he has since resided. He was solicitor of Coos county from October 10, 1872, to June 4, 1879, with the exception of the interim from '74 to '76.

He was a representative from Littleton in 1885, and speaker of the house. In 1891 he was nominated by President Harrison to be judge of the district court, on the unanimous recommendation of the bar, and has developed an



exceptional aptitude for the duties of his station. This is fully attested in his frequent service in the important litigation that finds what may be termed the legal storm center in the United States court at Boston. Judge Aldrich has long been recognized as a public speaker of unusual ability, and has delivered several notable addresses upon special and anniversary occasions, on legal and historical subjects. In 1891 he received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Dartmouth College. Judge Aldrich was united in 1872 to Louise M. Remick. They have two children: Florence M., a graduate of Andover Academy, and Ephraim Fred, a student in Dartmouth College.

BINGHAM, MITCHELL & BATCHELLOR

Constitute a legal triumvirate in which each member contributes some peculiar mental resource or aptitude, and the firm is widely recognized as one of the strongest of the New Hampshire bar. Hon. Harry Bingham, the "grand old man" of New Hampshire, after more than half a century of distinguished practice, is now devolving the more active labors upon his juniors, who are well qualified to maintain the prestige of the firm.

Hon. Harry Bingham was born in Concord, Vt., March 30, 1821, being

third son of Warren and Lucy Wheeler Bingham. He attended the public schools of his native town and fitted for college at Lyndon, Vt., academy. He entered Dartmouth College at the age of 18, and graduated with credit in 1843. He enjoyed the formative experience of teaching district schools before and during his college course. He began reading law with Daniel Hibbard of Concord, continued with Geo. Cahoon of Lyndon and completed with Hon. Harry Hibbard of Bath, another distinguished son of Concord. He was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1846, and the next fall settled in Littleton. His career during the past half a century has been a mutual heritage of renown to Vermont, his native state, and New Hampshire, the state of his adoption. He was alone in practice until 1852, when he formed a partnership with his younger brother, George A. Bingham, afterwards twice a justice of the supreme court of the state, which continued for about 22 years.



HON. HARRY BINGHAM.

Since that time Mr. Bingham has had associated with him several young men who have received their legal education in his office. The present firm is Bingham, Mitchell & Batchellor, the junior partners being W. H. Mitchell and A. S. Batchellor, both able lawyers in their several spheres. Space forbids mention here of any of the important cases of both civil and criminal practice in which Mr. Bingham has been engaged. In brief it may be said that

he has been connected usually in the defense with all the capital cases tried in Northern New Hampshire during his professional career, and his services and counsel have been sought in Vermont in the federal courts. Mr. Bingham has always been an uncompromising Democrat. He first represented Littleton in 1861, and soon became the unquestioned leader of his party on the floor of the house, a position which he has steadily held during his legislative experience of sixteen terms in the lower house, and two terms in the senate. He was the nominee of his party for congress in 1865 and in 1867. In 1870-72-79-83-85-87 and 89 he was the choice of the Democracy for United States senator, a position for which his strong mental endorsement and ripe scholarship eminently fitted him. He was nominated by Gov. Weston in 1874 for chief justice, but certain corporate influences prevented his confirmation by the council. He has represented his state in National Democratic conventions for more than 25 years. In the last campaign he supported Palmer and Buckner and was chairman of the convention to ratify their nomination. He has, notwithstanding the exacting duties of his profession, been a wide and judicious reader. This habit with a capacious memory has made him a man of extensive information and mature culture, with liberal and philosophic views.

Hon. W. H. Mitchell needs no card of introduction to the people of Northern New Hampshire. He is one of the half a score of Vermonters who have found a congenial field of legal effort in Littleton. He was born in Wheelock, Vt., in 1856. His academic training was obtained principally at Derby, Vt., academy and the Littleton High School. He began reading law with Hon. Harry Bingham in 1877 and three years later was admitted to the bar and became a member of the firm. As a lawyer Mr. Mitchell has risen to the level of his rare opportunities and has contributed his full quota to the success of the firm. He has shown excellent judgment in the application of legal principles to special cases and conscientious thoroughness and ability

in preparing cases for trial. This characteristic was especially marked in his very acceptable service as County Solicitor. Since 1888 he has served as a trustee of the State Normal school. For many years he has been the efficient chairman of the school board. His interest in educational affairs expressed itself in the New Hampshire Senate by the introduction of the



HON. WILLIAM H. MITCHELL

bill for free books which was enacted largely by his efforts. He there did yeoman service for the Normal School and the Soldier's Home. Mr. Mitchell married Delia, daughter of Hon. Edward F. Bingham, and their beautiful home is on South street.

The natural ancestry of Hon. Albert Stillman Batchellor can be traced to Thomas and Mary Allerton Cushman, of the Mayflower, and there were several representatives of the family in the Revolutionary army. His mother was Mary Jane Smith, of Bennington, Vt., and his father Stillman Batchellor, a soldier of 1812 and a life-long resident of Bethlehem and Littleton. The subject of our sketch was born in Bethlehem in 1850, the youngest of eight children. His father died while he was but a child, leaving the family to wrest a subsistence from the stubborn soil of a Bethlehem farm. Mr. Batchellor inherited an active, buoyant temperament, and an insatiable love of learning, and bent every energy to the

attainment of a liberal education. He graduated from Dartmouth College with credit in the class of 1872, and immediately entered the law office of Hon. Harry Bingham; was admitted to the bar of Grafton county in 1875, and soon became a member of the present well-known firm. More than twenty years association with Mr. Bingham, as pupil and partner, is a voucher for a good lawyer, and Mr. Batchellor has never discredited his credentials. He possesses a quick, sure grasp of the salient points of law and evidence, together with a quaint humor and ready repartee which at once illustrates and brightens the tedious details of the dulllest case. As a result of natural aptitude, superior training, a large experience and an abundance of strong common sense, Mr. Batchellor stands today among the leading lawyers of northern New Hampshire. In politics he has achieved an enviable reputation and ranks with the younger leaders of the Democratic party in the state, and has modestly and worthily borne a lib-



HON. A. S. BATCHELLOR.

eral share of such honors as the party has had to bestow. He was county solicitor two years; represented Littleton in the legislature three terms; was a member of the governor's council in 1887-8, and was for several years an able member of the board of trustees of the state library, which he recently resigned. In local offices he has ably

and faithfully discharged his duties, and his influence has been felt in educational matters in this town, and as an active alumnus of Dartmouth College. Notwithstanding the great demands of his professional and public life, he has devoted much time to literary pursuits, becoming especially interested and well versed in the early history of the town and state. He has served Burns Lodge as W. M., has been D. D. G. M. of the Masonic district, is a Knight Templar and has attained the 32d degree, A. S. R. Withal, he is one of the most sociable and companionable of men. In 1880 he married Miss Harriett A. Copeland, and their hearth is shared and brightened by two sons and a daughter.

HON. JAMES W. REMICK.

Hon. J. W. Remick is a son of L. R. and Sophia Cushman Remick. His father was widely known as a landlord. The Cushmans of Caledonia County, were endowed with strong mentality and several of Mr. Remick's uncles won distinction at the bar. J. W. Remick was educated in the common schools, and at nineteen years of age began the study of law under B. F. Chapman, of Clockville, N. Y. Later he was a student in the office of Aldrich & Parsons, at Colebrook, and to Bingham & Aldrich, at Littleton. He graduated from the Michigan University law school in 1882, and was soon admitted to the bar at Concord, N. H. He was two years in practice in Colebrook, and subsequently in the employ of Aldrich & Remick at Littleton. In 1885 he formed a partnership with Hon. Ossian Ray, of Lancaster, and opened an office for the firm at Littleton. In 1890, at the age of thirty, he was appointed United States district attorney for New Hampshire, the youngest incumbent of that position in the history of the state. Mr. Remick has won the respect of his associates, and shown himself a thorough student, a judicious counsellor, and an eloquent advocate. A man of literary tastes, he is an omniscient reader, and has won an enviable reputation on the lecture platform. Mr. Remick is an able exponent of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and his efforts

upon the stump in successive campaigns have been highly appreciated. He married Miss Mary S. Pendleton of



Hartford, Conn., in 1888 and they have a little daughter, Gladys, six years of age.

HON. DANIEL C. REMICK.

Daniel C. Remick is one of the most aggressive and original characters on the recent stage of public life in Littleton and has figured so prominently in recent public movements, that an extended sketch of his career is hardly necessary. He was born in Hardwick, Vt., in 1852. His earlier educational advantages were limited, and for nearly four years after he was eighteen years of age he worked in the cotton mills at Lawrence, Mass. In 1875 he began to read law in the office of Edgar Aldrich, in Colebrook, and continued his studies in the offices of Aldrich and Parsons, and of J. H. Dudley, in that town. He graduated from the law school of Michigan University in March, 1878, and the following April was admitted to the Coos bar. After about four years practice at Colebrook as a member of the firm of Dudley & Remick, he came to Littleton as the junior member of the firm of Bingham, Aldrich & Remick. In February, 1879, Mr. Remick married Miss Belle Loverin of Colebrook, and after her death he married Lizzie M., daughter of B. W. Kilburn. The strong characteristics of D. C. Remick of strong common sense and indomitable courage and energy have been manifested in every field of effort he has entered. During the past

half dozen years he has very largely withdrawn from active legal practice, and devoted his attention to the stereoscopic view business, and the care of real estate interests in town. He is most widely known in connection with



the enforcement of the prohibitory law and his able efforts in 1891, as a member of the legislature, to secure more stringent temperance legislation. His name is also identified with several important public enterprises, notably with the adoption of a system of street improvements, which he championed in the face of the most determined opposition.

HARRY M. MORSE, ESQ.,

Although a recent resident, is not unknown to the people of Littleton. He offers as a hostage of his loyalty and good conduct, the fact that he married a Littleton girl, Helen, daughter of John N. Oakes. Mr. Morse was born in Haverhill in 1859, son of John F. and Susan Johnson Morse. His boyhood was spent upon the farm and in attendance on the common schools of Haverhill and Lisbon. His law studies, after one year with John L. Foster, were completed by two years with the late Judge Edward D. Rand, of Lisbon. He was admitted to the bar in 1880, and soon after formed a partnership with Judge Rand which continued till the latter's death in 1885, when Mr. Morse succeeded to the law business of the firm. In 1881 he formed a part-

nership with George F. Morris, and a year later sold his interest to the latter. In 1895 he visited California on a tour of observation, and remained until last May. He has opened an office in Opera Block, and will now resume the active practice of his profession. Mr. Morse is a genial, companionable gentleman, a devoted and intelligent student of literature, with good natural gifts. He is a lover of out-door exercise, an excellent horseman and a good judge of horses. In politics a stalwart Republican, he has given active and valuable service to his party, but has never sought nor accepted the rewards of official life.

THE BELLOWS FAMILY.

For nearly three quarters of a century the name of Bellows has been prominently and honorably associated with the legal, mercantile, manufacturing and public interests of Littleton. Judge Henry A. Bellows was the most distinguished member of the earlier bar of Littleton until his removal in 1850 to the wider field of Concord, where he was soon appointed to the bench and eventually became chief justice. William Joseph Bellows was born July 3, 1817, in the town of Rockingham, Vt., on his father's farm on the Connecticut river. He has a vivid recollection of the burning of his father's four large barns, which were struck by lightning, when filled with the bounteous crops of the 400-acre farm, a memory impressed still more deeply by the great pecuniary loss and especially from the fact that his father then received injuries which resulted in his early death. In 1831, as a youth of fourteen, he came to Littleton, where he resided about a year with his brother, Hon. Henry A. Bellows, when he went to Springfield, Vt., as a clerk, and in 1834 went to Boston, before he was twenty years old becoming head salesman in the large wholesale house of Blanchard & Blodgett at a salary of \$1000 a year. After several years of valuable experience and extensive acquaintance, he returned in 1841 to Littleton, which has since been his home. He immediately began the study of law with his

brother, and was admitted to the bar of Grafton county in 1844. He then entered into partnership with his brother, which was continued with a very large practice until the latter moved to Concord in 1850. He was married in 1847 to Caroline J., daughter of Sampson Bullard, of Concord. After his brother's removal, he continued in practice alone until the late Hon. John Farr, a student in his office, became a law partner and remained until 1860. Mr. Bellows continued in practice several years longer, though much of his time was absorbed by other important undertakings. In 1861 he became owner and editor of the People's Journal which, during the Rebellion, was uncompromisingly devoted to the encouragement of patriotism and the support of the administration. He was appointed postmaster of Littleton in 1861, unsolicited on his part, a position which he held seven years. He has been identified as a director, clerk or president of several mining companies, all at one time important enterprises.



WILLIAM J. BELLOWS.

He has served in the state militia on the staff of Gen. Guernsey, with the rank of major. He was largely instrumental in promoting the growth of Littleton by a fortunate purchase of 50 acres of land, then unoccupied but now containing a large number of fine residences and the Littleton High School

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building, many of which were erected by himself and partners. He was a member of the school board eleven years, its president eight years, and while the location of the school building was under consideration, with a prospect of delay, he purchased the 50 acres off-hand and deeded the desired site to the committee. About 1865 he became a partner with W. W. Howland and Henry L. Tilton in the lumber business at Apthorp, and Victory, Vt. In 1868 he became a mercantile partner with Henry L. Tilton and Charles W. Brackett, under the firm title of H. L. Tilton & Co. They conducted very extensive operations in addition to a large mercantile business, and among other things acquired and sold a tract of timber-land of about 23,000 acres in the vicinity of the White Mountains. From 1870 to 1873 the style of the firm was Bellows, Brackett & Co. On the dissolution of the latter firm, Mr. Bellows, in connection with his son, William H., established their present mercantile house of Bellows & Son, which is one of the most wide-



WILLIAM H. BELLOWES.

ly known and successful mercantile enterprises in this section. It is, in fact, a department store, the principal features being men's clothing and furnishings, and house furnishings. It is also headquarters for carpets and the sale of standard bicycles.

The junior partner of Bellows & Son, William H. Bellows, for the last twelve years has been the active man-

ager of the firm's business. He is a director in the Littleton National and Savings Banks, has been many years a member of the school board of education and of the Littleton board of trade. He is also a member of Burns Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 66, and Saint Gerard Commandery, Knight Templars, and is a 32d degree Mason, A. A. S. Rite, N. M. J., holding the office of M. E. Senior Grand Warden of Washington Council Princes of Jerusalem, of this town. He was elected a representative from this town to the New Hampshire legislature of 1897-8, and was appointed chairman of the committee on banks.

In 1883, William H. and George S. Bellows acquired the stereoscopic view business which was established by F. G. Weller, and have carried on the same extensively under the style of the Littleton View Co., George S. Bellows being the manager.

Mr. Bellows and his sons are thoroughly identified and actively interested in all helpful public enterprises, and are universally esteemed and respected by the community.

THAYER'S HOTEL.

There is probably no other hostelry in northern New Hampshire whose fame is so widely established with two generations of the traveling public as Thayer's Hotel. The hotel was erected and the business established nearly half a century ago by Henry L. Thayer, who came here as an active young man from Danville, Vt. Mr. Thayer was an attractive and original character, an ideal landlord of the old school, of such kindly and paternal manners that he was familiarly called "Dad," and his personality and that of his amiable wife were potent factors in making Littleton the Mecca for thousands of tourists and travelers. He represented the town in the assembly. The management of the hotel has been liberal and progressive, readily adapting itself to the changing sentiments and conditions of modern life, yet always maintaining the early home-like cordiality and hospitality which anticipates every want. The hotel has been repeatedly re-furnished and repaired, and is provided

with all the modern improvements which are expected in a first-class hotel. Frank Thayer, with the advantages of heredity and environment, and with twenty years experience, is fully



maintaining the prestige and traditions of this famous hostelry. He is ably assisted by the popular clerk, Charlie Andrus, and a well-trained corps of waiters. The bill of fare is seasonable and well selected, the cuisine is of high and uniform excellence, and the table service attentive and accurate. The hotel is centrally located on Main street, fronted by handsome residences and expansive lawns, and commands a beautiful view of the Ammonoosuc valley and the mountains from many of its seventy-five guest rooms. A well-kept livery, barber's saloon and principal stores in town are within elbow touch of the guests. Very few travelers enter the gateway of the White Mountains without spending some time at Thayer's Hotel, and it has been a factor in establishing the prosperity of Littleton.

THE LITTLETON HOUSE.

This hotel is one of the familiar landmarks of the town, is owned by Hon. D. C. Remick, and conducted by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gray. It contains 27 rooms, is centrally located, and receives a handsome local patronage of a score or more of regular guests. While not aspiring to the pretence of being a first-class hotel, it is a quiet, home like, well kept house, with an excellent bill of fare, and good room and table service. The prices are so reasonable

and the service so uniformly satisfactory, that it receives a considerable transient patronage. Mrs. Gray, nee Emily Bedell, of Jefferson, has the management of the Littleton House, and is a pleasant landlady. Mr. Gray is a native of Jefferson, a veteran of the late civil war, and a member of the 14th New Hampshire regiment. He enlisted in August 1861, took part in the Banks Louisiana campaign, and was with Sheridan in the valley and in Georgia campaign. He was four times wounded, but never entered the hospital and was honorably discharged after more than three years of faithful ser-

and six regular freights. Unlike many passenger stations, it outlooks tidy homes, elegant residences and well-kept lawns. Both the passenger and freight depots are handsome and well equipped and Depot Master F. E. Wadleigh keeps everything in apple pie order. He is ably assisted by R. H. Harris, freight clerk; George P. Gonyer, baggage master; a messenger boy; and a spare hand during the summer season, while Mrs. Wadleigh assists in the telegraphing and other routine work of the office. The business of the station is very extensive, the receipts being from \$70,000 to \$75,000 a year.

Vt. His father, B. F. Wadleigh, was a highly respected citizen, a representative, and for many years prior to his death, town clerk. His mother, nee Elvira Chase, a descendent of one of the oldest families, is a capable and esteemed lady, and still discharges the duties of town clerk. Eugene began to learn telegraphy at West Concord with Hon. S. E. Grout, and was then operator at Wing Road about a year and a half. After pursuing a course at the Poughkeepsie Business College, and some months practice at the Littleton station, he went to Bethlehem Junction as operator and remained



THE LITTLETON STATION.

vice. He is a carpenter and joiner by trade and for about ten years has been continuously in the employ of Hon. D. C. Remick. Mrs. Gray is assisted in the management of the hotel by her daughter, Mrs. Warren Gregory. Mrs. Gray is social, active and thoroughly conversant with all the details of hotel management.

THE STATION.

Littleton station is one of the most important points this side of Concord, and especially during the summer season is a scene of bustling activity with its fourteen well-filled passenger trains

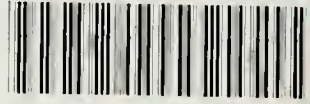
F. EUGENE WADLEIGH.

The position of depot master is one of the most responsible and exacting. This official must needs be careful, methodical, alert, agreeable, self-possessed and absolutely honest, qualities which will win success in any business career. A long acquaintance with the subject of this sketch justifies the statement that Eugene Wadleigh possesses these qualities. He is a native of West Concord,



there five years. He then filled the position of ticket agent and freight clerk at Plymouth two years and a half, and in May, 1891, was promoted to his present responsible position. It is evident that the management of the road are aware that "the best goods are sometimes put up in small packages." In May, 1891, Mr. Wadleigh married Miss Lillian May Adams, who is well known as the genial and accomplished operator. Mr. Wadleigh has charge of both the passenger station and the freight office, and is one of the busiest men in town, especially so in the summer, when his duties keep him from early morning till near midnight.

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